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Al Johnson Remembered

Al Johnson: how does one begin to capture the essence of this remarkable man? Entrepreneur, boss, icon, humanitarian, philanthropist, hero, local personality, teacher of life, grandfather to a Village and now a legend.

From Al's humble beginnings he created not only a successful business, but a global family. For those of us who have had the privilege of working for him, he was so much more than a boss.

Yes, Al was boisterous, cantankerous, and was known to bark and swear. But that was just the feisty side of his character. I think the politically correct statement for encompassing his personality is tough love. Al strived for and achieved excellence, through his own actions and that of his staff. He was one of the most fair and honest men I have ever had the privilege to know.

His philosophy of working hard was instilled in each of us, setting the foundations for the work ethic we carry to this day. All that Al asked was that we do our job with pride and a sense of accomplishment. He wanted us to succeed as individuals, and would help us achieve our goals in any way that he could.

In a world where the customer is always right, no matter how bad their behavior or rudeness, Al had a different view. If a customer was disrespectful or mistreated an employee he would ask them to leave and on a few occasions

banned them for eternity.

The attendance last summer at Al's 60th Reunion Party was a testament to the impact he made on our lives. How many people could imagine being excited about a reunion of an employer? Unless you've worked for the Johnsons, you may never know that feeling. We are a family and are all very proud to say, "I work(ed) at Al Johnson's."

Al spent many years serving on the Sister Bay Village Board, Plan Commission and Gibraltar School Board. His dedication to the community he called home is unparalleled.

Opening up the downtown waterfront, a vision that was first spoken of many decades ago, has become a reality in recent years. In one of Al's final acts, he permitted the Village to have first chance at purchasing his waterfront property and marina. "I always thought it should belong to the Village," he said. As word travelled quickly about the impending sale, he was propositioned by others to purchase the property. But the nature of his character was such that he knew, in that great big heart of his, that the rightful owner should be the people of the Village he cared so deeply about.

From one former employee who ate her weight in pancakes and cheeseburgers, "I will miss you deeply, Al." I wonder if the thought ever crossed his mind that the young, strong-willed and opinionated girl he first met at age 14, would become President of the Village he loved so much? Thank you for everything!

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Pedestrians & Motorists Can We Co-Exist?

Over the past few years we have seen throughout other communities the installation of signs in the middle of the road reminding drivers there is a cross walk. The Village has received many requests to install these within our Village limits. The Parks, Property and Streets Committee has discussed this issue numerous times and has decided not to install this particular style of signage. They are searching out other alternatives.

Just what are the rules of the road, and what rights do pedestrians and motorists have? Wisconsin has specific laws covering interaction between drivers and pedestrians.

- A) You must yield to pedestrians when crossing a sidewalk, entering an alley or driveway.
- B) Yield to any pedestrian who has started to cross an intersection or crosswalk.
- C) You are not allowed to pass any vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian or bicyclist to cross a roadway safely.

As we all know, summer time is a traffic nightmare. We are use to quieter streets eight months out of the year, and for four months traffic sometimes seems unbearable. Yes, some of our visitors forget the rules of the road when they are on vacation. They are trying to find a parking space, or forget to use their blinkers, or come to a complete stop on the highway to look for the goats.

This just means we have to be on top of our game when it comes to our driving.

Pedestrians also need to be aware that the only safe place to cross a road is in a crosswalk. Many pedestrians seem to take a shortcut anywhere they can, leaving drivers frustrated at a constant stop and start in downtown. Let's all try to be better citizens and be more aware of the rules of the road. Everyone has rights: bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians. Everyone deserves to feel safe no matter what their mode of transportation.



Clean Beach Reports for 2010



Thanks to all the efforts put forth by Sister Bay in recent years, (including no dogs allowed) the beach has not been closed this year. While other beaches continue to face warnings and closings due to high rain volume entering the storm sewers and emptying into their waterfront, Sister Bay has remained opened. This has made our residents and tourists extremely happy.



Dogs Not Welcome In Waterfront Park

Most people love animals and some animals are raised like children. Our furry friends are an extension of our human family. Although Sister Bay views itself as pet friendly with the addition of our Dog Park, there are some places where we do not allow dogs. Unfortunately, this includes Waterfront Park.

A few years ago when beach closings were rampant across the county, Sister Bay decided to protect its shorefront and beach goers from E-Coli. Hence a no dogs allowed policy was implemented. The Village views this issue as a matter of public health and safety.

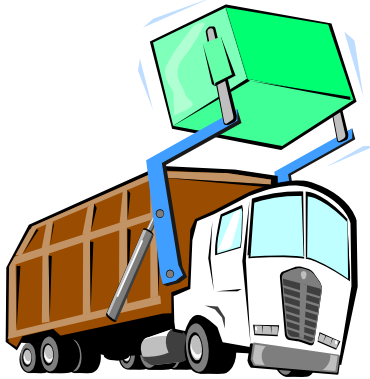
On the north end of the park, at Marina Park, dogs are welcome. There is plenty of room to run around, lay comfortably on the lawn, or even go for a swim. We sincerely hope that all dog owners understand that this rule is in place for the general welfare of all those who visit and swim in Waterfront Park.

The Dog Park (located next to the Sports Complex) has been a huge success and the Village is working on an expansion of that space. We hope that all pet owners will utilize that area. If you have any suggestions as we move forward with that expansion please feel free to share your thoughts with a board member.

Garbage Is Costly

Living in Sister Bay has many perks, and one of them is having our trash and recycling picked up at the curb every week. Unfortunately, some communities around us do not have the same service.

On Village property, and at most businesses there are large metal dumpsters furnished by Going Garbage. In most cases, the property owner's pay Going Garbage a monthly or weekly fee to dispose of their trash. It has become an ever increasing problem that those who live outside the Village dump their garbage in a Village or a private business receptacle.



Sister Bay has an ordinance which describes penalties for any illegal use of garbage containers located within the Village borders. Fines up to \$150 can be assessed for any violation of these ordinances. This means that if your dumpster is being used by someone else you do have recourse. If you can document the offender, forward that information to the Village office and a citation will be issued.

If you see people disposing of trash in someone else's receptacle, remind them that Going

Garbage is located at 10568 Old Stage Road and is open Mon - Tues - Thurs - Friday from 9 to 3, and from 8 to noon on Saturday.

Downtown Bay Shore Drive Reconstruction

The Department of Transportation has scheduled the reconstruction of North Bay Shore Drive for 2012-2013. The Village is planning on relaying a sewer and water main and burying the power lines downtown before the reconstruction begins. The plan will include the reconstruction of the roadway between Scandia Road and Country Walk Drive. This project will include street lighting and intersection modifications, new curb, gutter, storm sewers, and sidewalks. Highway 42 from Country Walk Drive west to Ephraim will also be resurfaced.

The Village has a credit with the DOT for \$275,000. This money will be utilized to pay for portions of the project that the DOT does not cover, such as the parking lanes and other decorative or landscaping designs.

A new committee has been formed to be in charge of this undertaking. Ken Church, Chairman of the Utilities Committee, Dave Lienau, Chairman of Parks, Patrick Duffy, member of the Plan Commission, and Paige Funkhouser, Sister Bay Advancement Association Coordinator, along with Village Administrator Bob Kufirin will take the reins of this project. In the months to come we will be communicating with the business community and residents as to how this will affect everyone during construction.



Village of Sister Bay

If you have been reading the Peninsula Pulse recently, there were multiple articles written about Government's ability to keep in touch with their constituents through social media.

Sister Bay has taken the plunge and you can "like" us on Facebook. We will be posting meeting dates of the Village Board and Planning Commission, with some highlights of the agenda. For those of you who are not yet savvy in the world of social media, Facebook does have limitations on how much text you can post. Therefore this site will only highlight what we think you will be interested in and may affect your business or residence.

If you are interested in being on Sister Bay's email list to receive information on Village meetings please email Administrator Bob Kufirin at rlkufirin@sisterbay.com.



Marine Yard Sale

If you want to buy or sell used, never used, or just plain time to get rid of marine items now is the time. On Saturday, September 4th as part of the Marina Fest Activities there will be a Marine Yard Sale. If you have items to sell please call John at 839-9021 for details or drop off items the afternoon before, or the morning of prior to 10:00 am.

Sister Bay / Liberty Grove Volunteer of the Year

The Sister Bay Advancement Association (SBAA) presents the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Volunteer of the Year award to: bring awareness to the vital, life-changing contributions volunteers make in the Village; highlight the local organizations supported by volunteers; and raise awareness of local volunteer opportunities.

The SBAA Board of Directors will review all nominations to select the Volunteer of the Year recipient, based on your description of the nominee's volunteer activities. The top 3 nominees, as selected by the SBAA, will attend the SBAA Fall Social as our guest and be individually recognized. The selected *Volunteer of the Year* will receive a unique piece of art created by a Sister Bay or Liberty Grove artist.

Eligibility:

Volunteer services must occur within the Village of Sister Bay or the Town of Liberty Grove.

A photo of the nominee must be submitted. This photo may be used for media publication purposes.

Note: Nominations and attachments become the property of the SBAA and will not be returned. Portions of nominations may be used by SBAA for publication purposes.

Additional forms are available:

By **e-mail:** info@sisterbaytourism.com; by **calling** the Sister Bay Information Center: 920-854-2812; **Sister Bay Information Center:** 2380 Gateway Dr., or the **SBAA office:** 10635 N. Bay Shore Dr., Unit G
E-mail nominations to: info@sisterbaytourism.com; or **Mail nominations to:** Sister Bay Advancement Association, P.O. Box 351, Sister Bay, WI 54234

Nomination Form

Deadline October 1st, 2010

Youth (under 18 years old) Adult (18 + years old)

Nominee Name: _____ *Phone:* _____

Street Address: _____ *City, Zip:* _____

Number of years nominee has volunteered for this organization: _____

Employment status (circle one): Full-time Part-time Retired Student Other

Volunteer Organization: (Name of primary organization for which nominee volunteers)

Organization: _____ *Phone:* _____

Street Address: _____ *City, Zip:* _____

Organization Director: _____

Services provided: _____

Verification: Provide 2 references (other than nominee & relatives) who can verify the nominee's activities.

Name: _____ *Phone:* _____

Name: _____ *Phone:* _____

Nominator (required):

Name: _____ *Phone:* _____

Street Address: _____ *City, Zip:* _____

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Please describe the reason(s) you are nominating the nominee. The following questions may be used to help support your reasons the nominee should be the *Volunteer of the Year*.

Describe the nominee's volunteer service(s) for the organization listed above

Did the nominee start a new program, use new methods to solve problems, initiate activities, or promote collaboration with other organizations?

What results were accomplished through the nominee's efforts? Please explain.

What impact did the nominee's service have in Sister Bay? How many people benefitted from the service?

Did the nominee overcome challenges such as physical or mental disabilities, limited resources or public perception?

Raise Your Hand to Volunteer

The Sister Bay & Liberty Grove Fire Department is actively recruiting Volunteers for both the Fire and EMS divisions. If you are interested in helping your friends, neighbors and the visitors of our community please contact us.

Other than becoming a member of the Fire Department, there are additional opportunities to volunteer your time in what might be considered non - traditional ways. Some potential areas that the Fire Department might need assistance in include:

- 1) Computer and IT work
- 2) Basic Clerical work - sorting and filing
- 3) Basic maintenance to include tool mounting and organization
- 4) Cleaning and organizing
- 5) Fund raising
- 6) Grant writing
- 7) Many miscellaneous tasks

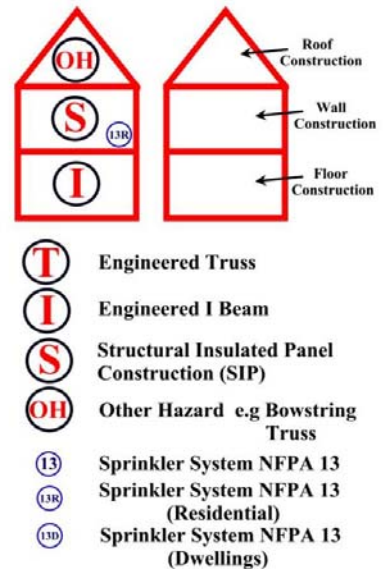
If you have a particular skill you think might be beneficial or you have the desire to help or be involved, we encourage you to contact the Sister Bay & Liberty Grove Fire Department at any time. Chief Chris Hecht can be reached at 854-4021.



Protecting Yourself And Your Family

What's with those strange reflective plates on the side of commercial buildings in Sister Bay and Liberty Grove? Well, if you have noticed the small (about 6 inches by 2 inches) plates, they are a new building marking system that was developed by the Fire Department in cooperation with the Village of Sister Bay and the Town of Liberty Grove. The plates, which are discreetly placed about seven feet from the ground on the side of the building, identify the type of construction used for the roof and floors and any fire sprinkler systems the building may have installed. These plates allow the Fire Department to rapidly assess the basic construction style of the building, identify any hazards and make an informed decision on the firefighting tactics to use should there be an emergency.

These identifying plates have become extremely important for fire departments as new construction styles are developed. Newer buildings generally rely on mathematically-designed lightweight roof and floor trusses to support the structure. These newer construction methods work extremely well but can behave differently from older heavy wood beams when exposed to fire, so it is important that Fire Department personnel can readily identify what construction style has been used. A tragic reminder of this was the death of Lieutenant Arnie Wolff of the Green Bay Fire Department, who was killed when a floor collapsed during a house fire in 2006.



The plates use a basic house shaped diagram with large letters representing different construction techniques. The letter is placed on the symbol of the house, for example, a large 'T' shows that the building uses a lightweight truss construction, and depending on where on the plate the letter is placed would tell firefighters if the trusses are in the roof or floors, or both. Numbers on the plate represent the fire sprinkler systems and indicate the area of coverage the sprinkler system provides.

For all commercial buildings and new homes built starting in 2010, the plates are mandatory by Village and Town ordinances, but the Fire Department would like to ask existing homeowners for voluntary participation in the program. There is no cost to owners of either commercial or residential buildings, as the plates were paid for by the Sister Bay & Liberty Grove Firefighter's Association. The Fire Department will be happy to install the plates for free. For more information about this program or to be included in the program, please call the Fire Department at (920) 854-4021.



2010 MARINA FEST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
At the Sister Bay Marina

8:00-10:00 AM
GREAT AMERICAN PANCAKE SHOW & BREAKFAST
 (All You Can Eat)

10:00 AM-2:00 PM
RIVER CITY SIX Dixieland Jazz

11:00 AM-10:00 PM
MULTIPLE FOOD & BEVERAGE BOOTHS
 Sponsored by service organizations
 Brats, Hamburgers, Whitefish Sandwiches, Corn, Sno Cones,
 Popcorn, Nachos, Soda, Beer, Malt Beverages, Ice Crème & more

10:00 AM - 12:30 and 3:00-5:30 PM
CHILDREN'S BOAT BUILDING TENT
 \$3.00 Tickets sold on day of event

10:00 AM-4:00 PM
USED BOOK SALE

11:00 AM-5:00 PM
WOODEN BOAT SHOW - "Sea and Land"
 Sister Bay Teen Center Sponsoring:
STAINED GLASS MOSAIC WORKSHOP
VIKING SHIP DISPLAY
HORSE AND WAGON RIDES
COAST GUARD BOAT & AUXILIARY DISPLAY
CHILDREN'S CRAFT TENT

1:00 PM
DINGY POKER RUN

2:00-3:00 PM
WATERBOARD WARRIORS WATER SKI SHOW

4:00 -10:00 PM
"REPLICA" (formerly "After Dark") Band featuring Paul & Todd Lent

DUSK
LIGHTED, DECORATED BOATS IN HARBOR

8:30 PM
SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS

8:00 PM Awarding of Prizes in Main Tent



Marina Fest Sponsored by the Village of Sister Bay

Sandwich Boards

Last year the Planning Commission recommended that the Village Board allow sandwich boards. The Planning Commission felt that in these challenging economic times this would help individual businesses. Since then there has been constant debate about whether these signs are actually helping businesses or just littering our highway. The Planning Commission will be re-addressing this issue in the next couple months.

The intention behind utilizing sandwich boards has not turned out the way that the Commission had planned. Originally the intent was to showcase daily specials, sales, or special events that do not occur regularly, and very few businesses have been creative in their construction of the signs.

The discussions that will be held in the coming meetings will address the intent, the materials used in construction, what the signs say, and how long they may be placed outside a business. There is also the possibility of repealing the ordinance all together.

If you have any suggestions about this issue please come to a Planning Commission meeting, or send us an email at: rlkufrin@sisterbay.com



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**Currently we have vacancies on the Teen Center,
TKH Ice Rink, and The Zoning Board of Appeals.
If you are interested in being a member please con-
tact Administrator Bob Kufrin at 854-4118.**

Sunday: Ping Pong Ball shoot ~ 1,000's of prizes!



Oct. 15-17

The "Granddaddy" of all Door County Festivals. Parade, arts & crafts fair, food, live entertainment, children's activities.



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