



EpWorthWhile

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Spring has **SPRUNG!**

Springtime is so much fun as the neighborhood starts to come to life. Cottages are opened, yards are spruced, and neighbors catch up with neighbors.

Do a little catching up of your own by attending the free EFPOA Season Kickoff Breakfast at the Beach House this spring. We are serving up a hot breakfast buffet for all Epworth Forest residents. If you're new to the neighborhood or not a member don't be shy, come on down! Although we promise we don't bite, be sure you get your own bite. Don't be late - when its gone it's all gone!

Thanks to Kelli and Mike Shock of the NWUMC who are donating their time to prepare the breakfast for us. (Any donations collected help fund their church's food outreach ministry which serves the North Webster community.)



Breakfast at the Beach House!

Join us for EFPOA's
First get together in 2019!

Where: The Beach House
When: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

EFPOA's 2019 Calendar

- May 25th – Season Kickoff Meeting 9:00 am
- June 22nd – Neighborhood Garage Sale
- June 25th – Free Trash Pickup Day
- July 5th – Ice Cream Social 7-9 pm (Beach House)
- August 31st – Annual Membership Meeting 8:30 am
at the North Webster Community Center

Still in the works:

Rain Garden Day, 5k Run, Guided Nature Walk, and Haunted Campfire Stories



Top Five Reasons to Join EFPOA

1. From meeting your neighbors at events, to seeing your money transformed into neighborhood improvements, you'll be leaving the spectator seats and joining the players.
2. Membership supports improvement projects like our new crosswalks (coming spring '19!). These projects make your neighborhood safer and more beautiful which in turn makes your property worth more.
3. Free doughnuts & more issues of Epworthwhile!
4. Things that happen here, start here! Be a part of it.
5. Increased membership gives a stronger voice in the Kosciusko County community.



And
Still Only
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The Forest Has A New Page!

Stop by to get the latest news and meet your neighbors.



Staying connected is the name of the game these days...and the Internet offers several ways to do just that. With over one billion daily users, Facebook is a widely used source of information. Forget the local paper and the phone book. Just go on line, open Facebook and see what is happening!

To help keep us all connected a local resident has recently created not one, but **two**, places on Facebook for Epworth Forest residents to catch up on the latest neighborhood news. The first is the Epworth Forest Neighborhood **Page**. This page is a place for neighborhood events, information, and happenings. Anyone scrolling through Facebook can view, post, or like this page. (Inappropriate, negative posts will be deleted by the page administrator.) To find this page on Facebook, just search "Epworth Forest Neighborhood", go to the page and give it a "like"!



We're kicking around some new ideas for 2019. A 5k Run, Spooky Campfire Story Night, a Nature Walk and more. Join us and be a part of them.

The second place on Facebook is the Epworth Forest Neighborhood **Group**. This group page is meant to be a means of helpful communication that the wider public does not need to know. Want someone to check on your cottage? Give the group a shout. Loose a dog or need that fourth person for a hand of cards tonight? This is the place to post. If you are connected to Epworth Forest in any way, you are welcome in the group. You will need to ask to join the group before you can see any of the posts.



In Case You Missed Winter

Are you wondering what happened in North Webster over the winter? Besides missing the Dixie all decked out for Christmas, there have been a few changes around town. Mama Ray's BBQ is no longer serving out of the main street location (she is still around in her food truck though). A new neon sign has gone up at the former home of Jimmy's restaurant for "Little New York Pizza". The same sign also advertises pasta and steaks. The former home of Able Printing is now the home of Re/Max Lake Realtors. And the old Re/Max office is now the home of Clevenger Insurance.

Rick's Place is closed for the time being and Pie Eyed Pete's remains closed. There is still no Mexican restaurant in town after Patino's closed. And finally the big news, the landscape of the town will begin to change in April as the south end of the Community Center is demolished to make way for construction of North Webster's new public library.



Did you know...about rain gardens?

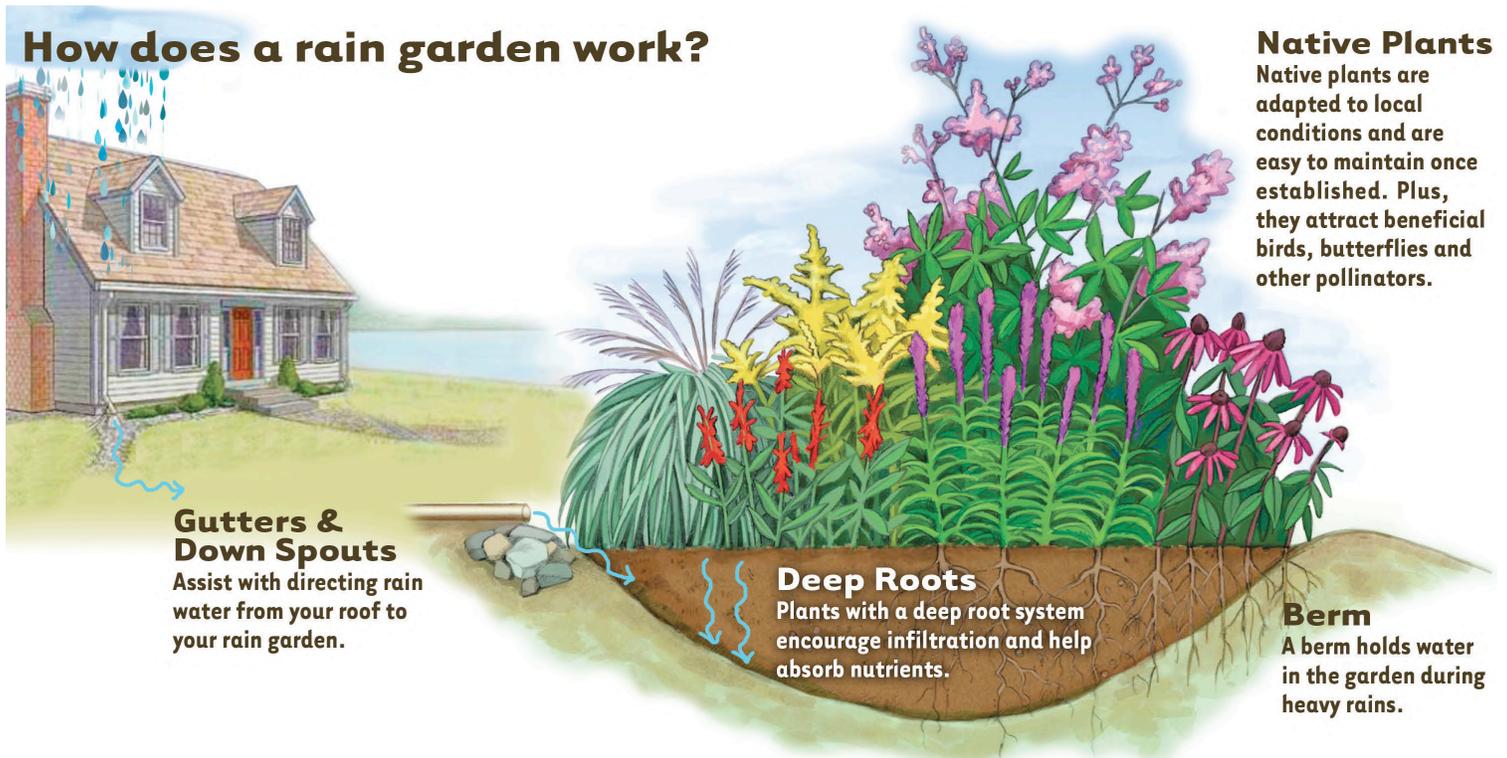
Epworth Forest is home to a rain garden—completed with the help of the Epworth Forest Property Owners Association on May 15, 2012. If you have been an avid reader of Epworthwhile for any length of time, there is a good chance that you've heard a plea to help weed this place occasionally.

For the uninitiated, the Epworth Forest rain garden is located on the southeast side of the Beach House. A rain garden, by definition, is “a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a small depression, which is generally formed on a natural slope. It is designed to temporarily hold and soak in rain water runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns.” (www.groundwater.org) The benefits of having and maintaining a rain garden include the provision of localized storm water and flood control, preserving vegetation, improving water quality by filtering out pollutants, and attracting beneficial birds, butterflies and insects to the area. “But don't they breed mosquitoes?” one might ask. The answer is a surprising “no!” Although the name “rain garden” might suggest a soggy and damp area, the garden drains within 12-48 hours after rainfall, leaving no standing water and no time for mosquitoes to breed.

Rain gardens are relatively easy to maintain once they have been established. The Epworth Forest garden does need to be weeded every so often. Volunteers are very much welcomed; be on the lookout on the Epworth Forest Neighborhood Facebook Page and Group for information about the next group weeding party date and time.

If you have an area that is prone to flooding or holding standing water, you might consider putting in your own rain garden. A little bit of planning can make a big impact on both your yard and our lake!

How does a rain garden work?



Interview with a Heron



By The Forest Grump

Forest Grump: Hello, Harry! Thanks for taking time to do this interview. It's always good to get to know our Epworth Forest neighbors. Please tell us a little about yourself.

Harry Heron: Well, my name is Harry. I'm a native Webster bird—born and raised just west of Dixie Island. I'm pretty comfortable around here, although I sometimes wish the boats wouldn't get so close when I'm trying to blend into the scenery.

Forest Grump: I'm curious. Why do I always see you wading along the shore?

Harry Heron: Honestly, I have a fondness for fish. While I love the selection over at New Market, lake fresh is the best and the shoreline is where the action is. I don't mind a little fishing to get it that way. It provides me lots of time to reflect... I've noticed I do have a pretty nice reflection! Kind of a debonair looking bird, wouldn't you say?

Forest Grump: I do admire that lovely silhouette. Are fish all you eat?

Harry Heron: I will eat other things, too. I've even been known to eat a mouse or toad when the fish aren't biting. And sometimes a dragonfly for dessert is a tasty treat.

Forest Grump: Let's talk talent. What makes you so special?

Harry Heron: Well, I don't like to brag, but my eyes are awesome! I can go from telescopic sight to a magnifying view in an instant! And spotting fish under water—my eyes are great for that!

Forest Grump: What about politics? Do you have any causes that are important to you?

Harry Heron: Conservation is my cause! Did you know that back around the turn of the twentieth century, my great, great, many greats grandparents almost became extinct? Women wanted our plumage for their hats and my ancestors were just slaughtered. Fortunately, you humans formed a group called the Audubon Society specifically because of the heron's near demise.

Forest Grump: Are you a traveler? We don't seem to see much of you in the winter.

Harry Heron: Personally, I like to spend my winters at the Heron Hotel in southern Florida. Besides the full menu of fresh fish, the water never gets stiff like it does up here in the winter.

Forest Grump: What brings you back from such a tropical paradise?

Harry Heron: What brings anyone back to Lake Webster? It's the best lake there is!

Ms. Dixie - Continued

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The Captains have emergency procedures covered. If the weather gets bad they will abort a cruise. Instead of the normal route they will steer her through the safest waters to get everyone home. They even have places picked out besides the home port they can take her for safety. Breaking down is not as bad as you might think either. Dave explained she is rarely on the lake alone and people watch out for her. If they see her paddle isn't turning, help seems to come within minutes. She isn't hard to tow so she will be back home in no time.

And speaking of no time, just how fast does she go? Ron's first answer wasn't what we expected. He said she has three speeds – slow, slower, and slowest. After a chuckle, he went on to set the record straight. She has 6 speed settings. With the wind at her back (and going downhill) Dave says she can part the waters at a blazing 5.6 miles per hour. Make Way, Comin' Through!!!! Normally you will see her running on the first or second speed, which turns out to be about 2 mph. On a typical tour she burns about a gallon and a half of fuel. That's not bad at all for hauling 35 tons of steel and 130 people around a lake for an hour and fifteen minutes.

If you have other questions feel free to stop and ask our "Captains of the Hood". They are always happy to talk "Dixie". You will often see them at our gatherings. Ron is a 9 year veteran and Dave has been captaining for 11 years.

Time is Up !



With spring comes the end of your membership. We don't want you to lose out! There is so much to be a part of. Be sure to fill in the membership form on the last page and send it in. The month of May kicks off the season at the Beach House. See you there at 8:30 am Saturday the 25th.

Where'd the Snow Go?



If you were in the neighborhood this winter, we are sure you have seen him around - Josh of Josh's Handyman Service. He did a great job of keeping our streets clear. The county clears the roads that school busses use, but nothing else! The rest of our homes would have often been inaccessible if it wasn't for your donations to our snow plow fund.

Why would you care if you don't come to the Forest in the winter, you ask? Because fire trucks, power company trucks, and Sherriff's vehicles don't have snowplows on them, that's why. If there is a fire or a power outage leaving your home vulnerable to freezing pipes, you need these people to be able to get down our streets even when you're not here. They keep all of our homes safe all year long. If they can't get to your home right away they will be watching it burn or freeze until someone pays to get the road cleared. It's not Kosciusko County's responsibility, it's ours.

Thanks for all donations to our **Snow Removal** fund and Kudos to Josh, another good job this year! 

Epworth Forest Word Search

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| Rain Garden | EFPOA | |

Driving Ms. Dixie

Did you know we have two Dixie boat captains living here in Epworth Forest? From bounced landings to tow backs to the pier, these gentlemen have seen it all. We set out to get the scoop from them on what you don't hear on a typical Dixie tour.

It begins as you pull out from the pier. You don't hear horns. Yes, we've all heard the famous air whistle, but have you heard the other horns? Captain Dave says she has 2 others and they are pretty loud.

Besides the horns have you ever noticed something else that is missing? You don't see any steering rudders. There are none behind the paddle as you might expect. It turns out they are in front of the paddle! But not to worry, every captain spends at least two years training on the Dixie and has been signed off by every other captain before being allowed to take you on a cruise. If the weather is good you're likely in for an enjoyable ride. But have you ever worried about what would happen if the weather turned ugly during a trip?

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2019 Epworth Forest Property Owners' Association Membership Dues Invoice

First/Last Name _____
Epworth Forest Address _____

2019 Membership Dues -- \$35 (Includes Directory)	\$ _____
Mailed copy of Membership Directory -- \$5	\$ _____
Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____
Snow Removal Fund	\$ _____
Road Repair Fund	\$ _____
Drainage Fund	\$ _____
Total for dues and special funds (Make check to EFPOA)	\$ _____

Please provide new or updated information for our annual directory and mailings

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Would you like to receive our Newsletter electronically or by mail? _____

Information provided will not be sold but will be published in the annual neighborhood directory unless otherwise requested.

**Return and mail payments to: Epworth Forest Property Owners, P.O. Box 688,
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