CIVILITY CORNER

Door County Civility Project Ongoing Support for Civil Behavior

Civility defined as a weaving together of restraint, respect, and responsibility in all our interactions with others.

Our beginnings: in 2013 from research by the League of Women Voters a community program was presented to 40 by the Civility Project of Oshkosh. This resulted in starting our own project.

Our Mission: to foster and incorporate the principles of civility into the fabric of everyday life in Door County.

Our Vision: an engaged community that values the openness and ideas of others and is committed to civil behavior and discourse.

Our aim: to help each individual community member improve civility in their home, school, workplace, and our larger community

Our actions: Initially we provided a short introduction on civility to community organizations. Those interested were given an expanded training on the tools and ways to use them. All were asked to sign a civility pledge. Our efforts towards the general public were to use all the various media options. Tools of Civility posters and cards were distributed to organizations, businesses and individuals as well as bracelets and pins.

We began to be asked to provide some specific programs and collaborate with various groups to address areas of uncivil behavior. Examples include a banner was created to be placed at athletic events to remind spectators to be respectful, trainings on civil ways to talk to your politicians, and how to deal with observing uncivil behavior..

Now each month this CIVILIY CORNER column will give support, resources, and tools for civility. Please visit us on our website or facebook for any assistance.

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