



VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Leaf Pick-up

It is again that time of year for leaves. Due to the tremendous quantity of leaves put out in just a short time, please remember to place leaves in the gutter section of the street in a long row along your property. **Only leaves may be placed along the gutter and please note that this is the only time of the year that anything can be placed in the gutter.**

Separated piles of brush and grass must be placed on the boulevard area behind the curb and the brush must be stacked neatly with the cut ends facing the street. Also, roots must be removed from the brush and placed separately from the branches.

If you follow these rules, your leaves and other yard waste will be picked up in a timely manner.

***Village of Port Edwards
Trick or Treating –
October 31, 2019
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.***



Thank you for Flag Donations

The flags flew brightly in the Village this year thanks to donations from our wonderful residents.

Our recent contributors are:

William & Bette Kohnen

Larry & Lois Brostowitz (In Memory of Gary Allworden)

Julie Allworden (Gary Allworden Memorial)

Mike & LuAnn Martinson (In Memory of Harold & Charlotte Martinson)

Gary Blum & Sandy Vandehey (In Memory of Brian Johnston)

Port Edwards Lions Club

The flag project is funded entirely from private donations and the flags require replacement every one to two years, so donations are always welcomed and encouraged so we can keep our flags flying bright and proud. The cost of one flag is approximately \$30.00.

Hydrant Flushing

Fall hydrant flushing will take place on **Sept. 24th and 25th**. Please be aware that there may be some dirty water during this time.

Holiday Bazaar

Everyone is invited to the United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (luncheon served all day).



FALL/WINTER NEWS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF'S DESK

The seasons are changing again; fall and winter are around the corner so here are a few thoughts. With fall coming these are some things you should be thinking of: Fire Prevention Week is October 6th – 12th. This is a real good time to change your batteries in your smoke detectors and make sure they are operating properly. The Law is one smoke detector minimum per floor; this also goes for carbon monoxide detectors. These are two things that have been proven to save lives. This is also a great time to go over your escape plan with your family and plan two routes out of your home.

If you burn wood in your home, please have your chimney cleaned and inspected yearly. We really don't want to come to your home and make a mess.

With winter coming the snow and cold weather will be here soon, so please remember to keep all your furnace vents on your home clear of the snow. This is a big reason why fire departments are called to homes for carbon monoxide detectors going off or people feeling sick. It only takes a minute to check.

At this time, I would like to ask everyone a big favor to help us out during the winter and the snow season. If you have a fire hydrant by your home or even close, could you please keep it cleaned out for us. This saves a lot of time if we need to use it; for every minute a fire burns it doubles in size. It is recommended a 3 foot by 3 foot area around the hydrant be cleared; this gives us the area we need to do our job if needed.

So I want everyone to have a great and safe holiday season. Enjoy the time with your families and loved ones.

All of us at the Department are here to serve you all, so don't ever feel that you don't want to bother us.

Things are moving forward at the Station and we are looking for new members. Membership doesn't have to include everything. If you are interested in say just the EMS side of it, come down and let's talk. We now have a fillable application online at the Village of Port Edwards website under the employment tab. Please print it off and drop it off at the Municipal Building or email it to me at PEFD.Chief@port-edwards.org This is a commitment that is well worth it. Serve and get to know your community.



Have a Safe and Happy Holiday season from all of us at the Port Edwards Fire Department!!

Chief Patrick Arendt

FALL GREETINGS FROM THE PORT EDWARDS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Once again fall is upon us as we see the end of another summer season. As I am sure there are some of us looking forward to an anxiously awaited fall, it always carries with it some very important responsibilities.

With the start of the school season, there will be increased school bus and pedestrian traffic, so please allow yourself extra time in the morning for taking your children to school or going to work so as to prevent any unsafe traffic violations while driving.

In regards to **Wisconsin State Statute 346.48(1) “Vehicles to stop for school buses displaying flashing lights”** – The law states: **“The operator of a vehicle which approaches from the front or rear any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway when the bus is equipped according to s. 347.25(2) and when it is displaying flashing red warning lights, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights.”**

Please keep in mind that when traveling in the Village of Port Edwards or any other community that has schools present, there will always be school zones wherein there will be pedestrian traffic monitored by crossing guards. Please keep the crossing guards’ and children’s safety in mind while traveling in these areas which are marked as school zones, and please slow down for their safety. A driver stating, “I’m running late or I was running late,” is never a legal justification for endangering any person while traveling on the highways.



In regards to the Port Edwards Police Department, we are looking forward to welcoming the new Police Chief, Scott Drew. Scott has been a Village resident for most of his life, and Scott has been an officer for 20 plus years with the majority of those years being spent with the Wood County Sheriff’s Department. I have been speaking with Chief Drew with great interest, and I am excited for the Village of Port Edwards as I believe Chief Drew’s ideas for improving public safety will help the Port Edwards Police Department serve our citizens better.

On behalf of the Port Edwards Police Department, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe fall season and to the students an exceptional and safe school year. (“GO HAWKS!!!”)

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Charles F. Lamb
Port Edwards Police Department

BUTTERFLY GARDEN UPDATE from Mert Scheffler

Summer is winding down and so is our Monarch Park. The garden was a huge success and many monarchs and other butterflies fluttered in and out. There also was a great abundance of bumblebees this year so our pollination efforts are paying off. A huge thank you to the Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank for getting the sprinkling system installed. Randy Oleson Sprinkling did a great job, so thank you Randy! Pat and Kathy McGrath, as well as Ron and Karla Leverance, kept us in caterpillars and maintained the milkweed in our habitat. Thank you to Judy Miller for all her expertise on gardening. Monarch education continues as Pat and Kathy continue to hold demonstrations on the raising and tagging of monarchs.

We will be erecting a memorial wall yet this fall. This will allow individuals to purchase plaques in memory of their loved ones. I will be available to take orders starting in October and will install the plaques in the spring of 2020. Please contact me at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-Port Branch (715-887-3285) to place an order. At that time, I will be able to provide you with a size and price chart to accommodate your wishes.

Thank you to everyone who came down to visit the garden, and we look forward to next season.

Mert



Winter Parking Restrictions!

Winter parking restrictions start November 1, 2019 and end April 1, 2020. **No parking on Village streets from 12:00 a.m. (midnight) until 6:00 a.m.** The fine for violation of this ordinance is \$25.00.

Port Edwards Water Utility Rates

The Public Service Commission requires that water rates be published semi-annually. The following rates took effect on September 5, 2018:

Quarterly Service Charge:

Meter

5/8" meter - \$ 15.22	3" meter - \$205.62
1" meter - \$ 38.10	4" meter - \$338.87
1 ½ meter - \$ 76.15	6" meter - \$643.50
2" meter - \$106.63	

Quarterly Service Charge for

Sprinkling Meter:

5/8" meter - \$ 5.40
1" meter - \$ 10.50
1 ½" meter - \$ 21.00
2" meter - \$ 28.00

Plus Volume Charge:

First 25,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.31 per 100 cubic feet
Next 375,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.17 per 100 cubic feet
Over 400,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$0.87 per 100 cubic feet



Billing: Bills for water service are rendered quarterly and become due upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 3 percent but not less than 50 cents will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This one-time 3 percent late payment charge will be applied to any unpaid balance for the current billing period's usage. This late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued, and unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next ten days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Chapter PSC 185, WI Admin. Code.

Water & Sewer Billings

Water and sewer billings are quarterly, the 1st of January, April, July, and October with the bills due 20 days later. After late notices are sent out you have ten days to pay or your water will be shut off. If your water has been shut off, there is a \$20.00 reconnect charge. Water bills can be paid at the Municipal Building from 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., dropped in the silver payment box in front of the Municipal Building, or mailed in. There has been no increase in the water rates for 2019.

boxes are not recyclable. If you experience less than satisfactory service, please give us a call at the Municipal Building, 715-887-3512.

Garbage and Recycling

Please remember to place your weekly garbage and bi-weekly recyclables out for curbside pickup by **6:00 AM** each day of pickup. Recycle pickup is every other week on your regular garbage day. Please note that pizza



The Village graciously thanks

**Bev Schraeder for her help in
maintaining the Village flower beds
in front of the Municipal Building**



Community Calendar Items

Sept. 10	Village Board Meeting, Edwards Alexander Shelter, 7:00 pm
Sept. 24	Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water
Sept. 25	Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water
Oct. 8	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct. 31	Village "Trick or Treating", 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Nov. 1	Parking Restrictions Begin
Nov. 2	United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Nov. 12	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov. 22	Fall Leaf Collection Ends
Nov. 28	Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 29	Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 3	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Dec. 24	Village Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 25	Village Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday



Does your organization or church have an event you would like publicized? Submit it for the next Village newsletter by stopping at the Municipal Building or calling 715-887-3512 for more information.

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

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Village Board

President: Joseph Zurfluh

Trustees: Dana Duncan
Tiara Grunden
Betsy Mancl
LuAnn Martinson
Sue Mitchell
Erik Saylor

Village Staff

Administrator: Currently Vacant
Clerk-Treasurer: Diane Tremmel
Cashier-Secretary: Kim Holcomb



Meeting notices, agendas and all other legal notices are posted at the Municipal Building, Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank, Austin's Diner and Police Dept. at least 24 hours before a meeting.

