

Village of Port Edwards

Summer 2021 Newsletter



Newsletter Article by Joseph Zurfluh, Village President

Summer is fast approaching. It seems like we just were wishing each other Happy New Year, and in just a few weeks school will be out for summer vacation. Unlike last year at this time, as I write this article in early May, the Blackhawk softball and baseball teams are playing games. Last year at this time the Covid 19 lock down was beginning, and now a year later we seem to slowly be working our way back to some semblance of normal.

Updating you on the recent April election for Village Trustee positions, Sue Mitchell, Tiara Grunden and Betsy Mancl were re-elected for another two-year term. Congrats to Sue, Tiara and Betsy.

A change in the Village Board committee structure also took place with the return of the Parks Committee under the new title of Parks and Recreation Committee. This was brought about due to the increase in activity in our parks, and the addition of the Splash Pad in Edwards-Alexander Park and the soon to be Dog Park as part of Ripple Creek Park. The dog park will be within but fenced off from the other activities in Ripple Creek Park.

This summer will see construction finishing on the Third Street renovation, with the stretch from Market Avenue to Alexander Avenue being completed. First Street renovation will also be taken care of this summer, with the renovations being completed from Letendre Avenue to Ver Bunker Avenue.

I ask all when traveling about the Village this summer to be cautious for our bicyclists and pedestrians. I encourage all to show respect for the rules of the road, and in so doing, to show respect for each other. Please watch your speeds and also please do not TEXT while driving.

Have a great and safe summer!

Joseph H. Zurfluh, President
Port Edwards Village Board

As required by Chapter 985 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Village hereby notifies all property owners and residents in the Village of Port Edwards that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds and other rank growth of vegetation on land in the Village which he owns, occupies or controls.

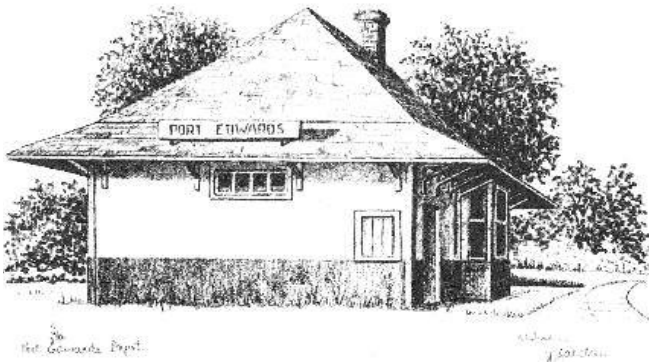
Joseph H Zurfluh – Village President

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing will take place on **June 8th & 9th**. Please be aware that there may be some dirty water during this time.



FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR



Howdee residents of The Village of Port Edwards. I am going on one year as your administrator and my family and I are enjoying every day here in Port Edwards. We all continue working to make each day a great day here in Port.

We have all weathered thru another Winter and Spring is flying by. The weather change is very inviting. The Vaccine is flowing out and by the time of this newsletter over 50% of our Village will have received the vaccine. We hope by the

end of the Summer we will be 100% vaccinated. Let's continue to do what's right, get the vaccine and take all appropriate precautions that you feel are correct.

We will be taking on some major infrastructure projects this year. We plan to complete a total rebuild of our 3rd Street from Edwards Ave to Letendre Ave. We also plan to resurface our 1st Street from Letendre to Ver Bunker Ave. There will be some minor alley repairs, and this will be the first year we improve our Bike trails working on the northern section from Ver Bunker to Seneca Road. We will as usual repair about 1000' feet of curb and gutter as well as sidewalks throughout the spring and summer. We continue to improve our parks and we hopefully will have a ribbon cutting on our New Dog park and Veteran's memorial later this summer, more to follow. We continue to make progress with DMI and the Old Mill property and hope to unveil some development plans for the site. We will also start our dialogue with the NEPCO lake residents planning for the Boundary agreement to end in a few years. Those 200+ residents will return back to the Village and we hope to make that a seamless and positive transition. Your Village leaders had a great strategic planning session last month to help chart the course for our Village over the next 10 years, we will publish that report in the near future and continue to ask for opinions moving forward.

It continues to be my goal to make this a very ***Professional, Ready and Relevant*** Village staff. We have numerous challenges ongoing and ahead that we all need to work together to overcome. Our Village services need the right investment to support all our residents and businesses in Port Edwards. I will be asking for ideas and help to identify some community events to conduct this summer, cookouts, food truck events, outdoor movies, etc. we need to regain our small village atmosphere and start gathering as a community, I look forward to the discussion and ask for your help to execute these initiatives.

I am excited to be here and look forward to the challenges. Let's get to work and stay "PORT PROUD!"

SUMMER NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Outside cooking fires / campfires in the Village have restrictions that need to be followed. These regulations are intended to make recreational burning a safe and enjoyable experience without making someone else uncomfortable. The following is an excerpt from the Village ordinance:

5.14 OPEN BURNING REGULATED.

- (1) **PROHIBITED BURNING.** It shall be unlawful to burn leaves and trash of any kind.
- (2) **RECREATIONAL BURNING.** Open recreational burning is permitted in a fire pit; a minimum 3-sided enclosure; or a gas, electric or charcoal kettle, subject to the following:
 - (a) The fire is monitored by a responsible person until the fire is extinguished or burns out.
 - (b) The fire is not lit on windy days or when atmospheric conditions will endanger the public health or safety.
 - (c) The fire is located off the public right of way and in excess of 30 feet from the residence of another.
 - (d) The fire is not used for the covert burning of plastic, rubber, garbage or other offensive materials.
- (3) **BURNING BY PERMIT.** Burning permits for burning brush in nonresidential areas may be issued by the Fire Chief (or designate. Contact the Village clerk during regular business hours to arrange for a permit. The part in parenthesis was added by the Fire Chief.) Burning permits for residential areas may (only) be approved by the Village Board.
- (4) **LIABILITY.** Any person open burning, whether permitted or not, which results in a response by the Village Fire Department shall be billed for the cost of such response.

The Port Edwards Firefighters Street Dance is June 18th. Food, raffle tickets and refreshment sales will start at 5:30 pm. Bring the family and friends for supper and stay for the music. The band Road Trip will play from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. There is no admission charge.



Greetings from the Port Edwards Police Department

Normally when I am asked to write an article for our newsletter, I break out the statute book and the ordinance binder and try to “educate” the public on some of our laws and rules.

This time, I decided to take a different approach. My message to all of you this time is, “**Be Kind.**” If all of us are Kind and thoughtful to our Neighbors, this will solve almost all of our problems.

Our country has just gone through a very troubling time, with the global pandemic, a very divided election and civil unrest in many areas. As I drive through our great village and think, I see that we are all way more similar than we are different. I see that we can have different election signs in our yards, but we can co-exist peacefully.

Port Edwards is a shining example that there is hope in this world and that is because we have residents who are caring and Kind.

So, with that said, Be Kind:

When someone is in the crosswalk

When your dog is habitually barking

When you are leaving unsightly items in your yard
When you are speeding through that school zone
When maintaining your lawn/trees
When you place all your trash inside your bins and then remove them from the curb after pickup
When you are leaving junk/unregistered vehicle on your property
When you are having guests at your home and having outside gatherings
Etc...



If you can follow what I am getting at, we have laws and rules to cover all these things and so many more, but if we all just do our part to be kind to our neighbors and “police” ourselves, your neighbors will not have to call us to come speak to you and ask you to rectify your violations.

Please be kind and think about how your actions/inactions are affecting the community and your neighbors.

Thank you and have a great summer,

Scott L. Drew, Chief of Police

Friends of the Monarchs

As summer approaches we are anticipating the arrival of the monarchs. It’s always a thrill when we see the first one!

Getting the gardens at the Village Monarch Park ready for a new season is a lot of work. Keeping the gardens looking good all summer is also a big job. Thanks to Mert Scheffler for all of the work she does in the gardens during the spring, summer and fall. We would sure welcome anyone who is willing to help with weeding. If you don’t know a lot about gardening we can help you learn. You could work alongside other people when they are working at the gardens. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

If you would like to know more about raising monarchs, feel free to contact me.

Kathy McGrath 715-887-3448 mcgfam@charter.net



Please think about remembering your loved one by purchasing a plaque for the memorial wall. Plaques are \$30.00/each and the forms can be obtained from the Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank – Port branch. The next round of plaques will be going up as soon as weather permits. This is a wonderful way to honor family and friends who are no longer with us.

Sprinkling Restrictions

Lawn sprinkling restrictions begin on June 15th. Odd-numbered addresses will sprinkle on odd-numbered days and even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days. Likewise, sprinkling is only allowed from 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 A.M. Please help conserve water by sprinkling during the early morning or evening hours. Sprinkling restrictions end on September 15th.



Cemetery Maintenance & Allowable Decorations

The Village of Port Edwards takes great pride in the appearance and upkeep of the cemetery. The rules of the cemetery limit what can be placed for decorations. Only traditional flower plantings are allowed at the cemetery. Please be aware that if you have items that are not flowers (such as lights or other objects) they may be removed and disposed of. The Village asks that all people enjoying the cemetery abide by the rules established to keep the Port Edwards cemetery one of the nicest maintained in the region.

Leaf, Grass and Brush Pickup

On a weekly basis, the crew will pick up grass that is properly placed. Typically grass pickup is on Mondays and Tuesdays. Brush will be picked up on the same week as recycling.

All brush and grass must be placed on the boulevard area behind the curb making sure that there are no rocks or foreign objects in the piles. PLEASE NO BAGGING OF YARD WASTE!!

- Grass and leaves must be placed separate from brush.
- Brush must be stacked neatly with the cut end facing the street.
- Roots must be removed and placed separately from the branches



If you need compost or wood chips, please contact the Municipal Building to arrange delivery of the material. Delivery is free to Village residents.

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. **LOOSE GARBAGE MUST BE PUT IN BAGS BEFORE PLACING IN CONTAINER!!** Please note that pizza boxes are not recyclable. If you experience less than satisfactory service, please give us a call at the Municipal Building, 715-887-3512.



After collection, containers shall be removed from the curb or roadside (including alleys) within 12 hours.

Thank you for Flag Donations

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

Our recent contributors are:
Ronald & Sara Nelson
Jason Leverance



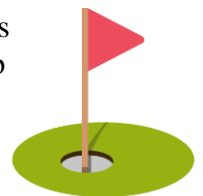
The flag project is funded entirely from private donations and the flags require replacement every one to two years. **Donations are always welcomed and encouraged so we can keep our flags flying bright and proud. Thank you!!**

15th Annual Blackhawk Scramble

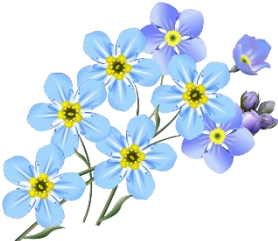
Monday, June 21, 2021 at the Lakes Course, Lake Arrowhead Golf Club
9:30 a.m. Registration & Driving Range - 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
\$70 each/\$280 per foursome

All proceeds go to student enrichment projects!!

For more information on this event hosted by the Port Edwards Education Foundation, please contact Corey Searles (715-884-6650) or Sue Mitchell (715-213-0156) email mitchell15@charter.net or Sharon Morell (715-340-0155) email scmorell@charter.net.



Community Calendar Items

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| June | 8 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| June | 8 | Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water |
| June | 9 | Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water |
| June | 9 | Bulk Pickup |
| June | 15 | Sprinkling Restrictions go into effect |
| June | 18 | Firefighters Street Dance, Fire Station, 5:30 pm – 11:30 pm |
| June | 21 | 15 th Annual Blackhawk Scramble, Lake Arrowhead Golf Club |
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| July | 13 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| July | 14 | Bulk Pickup |
| July | 27 | Lions / Village Picnic, Edwards Alexander Park, 4 pm – 8 pm
Food, Bingo, Kids Games, Monarch Presentation (Rain Date – July 28th) |
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| Aug. | 10 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| Aug. | 11 | Bulk Pickup |
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| Sept. | 8 | Bulk Pickup |
| Sept. | 14 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |

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.

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Betsy Mancl
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Erik Saylor

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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 and Police Dept./Marshall Buehler Center at least 24 hours before a meeting. They are also posted on the municipal website: www.vi.portedwards.wi.gov