



VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

FALL 2021 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, 2021
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:*

Pat Tyler

Kathy Moran

Kenneth & Elaine Kostelic

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 **October 5th and 6th**. Please be aware that there may be some dirty water during this time.

The Village graciously thanks

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR



Howdee residents of The Village of Port Edwards. I hope your summer went well and you took advantage of the great weather we had here in central Wisconsin. Our family travelled and enjoyed many local events, this being our 1st “real” Summer here. We look forward to doing the same this Fall and Winter.

The year is $\frac{3}{4}$ over and time is flying. The weather change is very inviting, let's just hold the snow off as long as we can. On the pandemic front- The Vaccine is flowing out and by the time of this newsletter over 70% of our Village will have received the vaccine. Our active cases are 0 to less than 5 at any time and we are still just respecting each other's space and right to wear or not wear a mask. I foresee no changes coming in the near future. Let's continue to do what's right, get the vaccine and take all appropriate precautions that you feel are correct.

We completed some major infrastructure projects this summer- 3rd street in our business district has been totally redone as well as our 1st street resurfacing project. We completed the Bike trail resurfacing as well as over 1000' of sidewalk repairs. We are working our plans for next year to include Ver bunker Road resurfacing, 2nd street resurfacing from Bruener to Seneca and other projects in the Village.

We continue to improve our parks with new facilities in the bathrooms, updating the heating and air systems and other small improvements to keep them pristine and the best they can be. We continue to make progress with DMI and the Old Mill property and hope to unveil some development plans for the site. We have started 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. I challenge all of you if you are interested in making an impact in the Village, take the time to participate in one of our committee or Board meetings, get your voice heard. Volunteer to help the Village when we ask, and we have elections coming out next April, if you feel strongly get involved and Vote at a minimum.

It continues to be my goal to make this a very **Professional, Ready and Relevant** Village staff. We continue to 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 and your input is appreciated.

I will be asking for ideas and help to identify some community events to conduct NEXT summer; cookouts, food truck events, outdoor movies, etc. We need to regain our small village atmosphere and start gathering as a community. We made some small strides this summer but I see the need to expand that effort. 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!”

Greetings from the Port Edwards Police Department!

Traffic Safety / School Zone Crossings:

School is back in session, so we will see an increase in kids walking and biking to and from school. Please take care and SLOW DOWN in the school zones at 5th Street and Letendre Avenue and 5th Street and Ver Bunker Avenue. When the turtles are out in the roadway and the lights are flashing, the speed limit is 15 MPH through the zone.



Luanne McChesney has retired from her crossing guard position after 2 years of dedicated service. We would like to thank Luanne for her many years of service to both the Wisconsin Rapids School District and with us here in Port Edwards. Kristi Bossert will be taking Luanne's place on the corner of 5th Street and Ver Bunker Avenue, so make sure you give her a warm welcome when you drive by.

Also new this year will be a "Safety Patrol." The elementary school is trying a new program that utilizes 5th grade students who have volunteered for the assignment to assist the crossing guards to ensure that everyone gets to and from school safely.

1st Amendment Vs. Disorderly Conduct:

With recent events nationally and even within our community, it has made me ponder about the rights of the citizens to defend their beliefs, but not violate others' rights while doing so. These thoughts took me back to 1791 when the 1st Amendment to the Constitution was adopted.

1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Wisconsin Statute 947.01 Disorderly conduct.

(1) Whoever, in a public or private place, engages in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

With the definitions before you, you can see that the 1st Amendment gives you the right to assemble, but it must be done PEACEABLY! I have come to learn that recent governmental meetings have been widely attended and that the crowds have sometimes been abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly. As you can see, this conduct fits more closely as "disorderly conduct" than it does with exercising one's 1st Amendment rights.

Please attend these meetings and let your elected officials know what you are feeling and thinking but do so in a civilized non-threatening manner. These elected officials were elected by you and are forced

to make difficult decisions every day for the best interests of their electorate. Even if you have an opposing view, you do not have to be confrontational about it.

With all of that said, if you decide to show up at a governmental meeting, or any meeting for that matter, and act inappropriately and create a disturbance, there will be consequences for your actions.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call, or stop down to the Police Department.

Thank you,

Scott Drew
Chief of Police

Winter Parking Restrictions!

Winter parking restrictions start November 1, 2021 and end April 1, 2022. **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.



MONARCH NEWS

Another summer is coming to a close, and our monarchs will soon be going south for the winter. Even though I may not personally get a chance to thank you, it makes my heart smile to see that someone has stopped by and pulled weeds or planted a special plant to help our gardens flourish. Thank you so much! It has been a very hot and humid summer and our plants loved it, growing so tall and filling our village corner in beautiful shades of color. With donations, we have been able to lay a beautiful stamped concrete pad on the north side of the garden. This addition has allowed us to place the picnic table, donated by the Berryman family, on a stable and wheel-chair accessible surface. Our next step is to add a pergola and place benches on the rectangular side of the pad. I also hope to get all the planter boxes clear coated before the cold weather settles in. Plaques have been added to the memorial wall. If you wish to add a loved one to this wall, please stop by the bank and fill out an order form. The cost is \$30.00 per plaque, and they will be placed on the wall as soon as they are picked up from the engraver.

Thank you to Pat & Kathy McGrath and Ron & Karla Leverance for all your hard work and also to Robb Sigler of Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank for supporting the development of this project!

Mert Scheffler



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.



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.



Community Calendar Items

Sept. 14	Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm
Oct. 5	Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water
Oct. 6	Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water
Oct. 12	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. 9	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov. 19	Fall Leaf Collection Ends
Nov. 25	Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 26	Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 30	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Dec. 24	Village Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 27	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.

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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 Marshall Buehler Center/Police Dept. at least 24 hours before a meeting.

