

Village of Port Edwards

Summer 2022 Newsletter



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

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.

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY!

Sump Pumps

Residents with sump pumps please take note: Your sump pumps **MUST NOT** discharge into the Village sanitary sewer system. Every gallon of clear water pumped into the wastewater system reduces the capacity of the plant. Due to potential costs and the Village's sewer ordinance, anyone caught pumping into their floor drain will receive a citation and possible fines of over \$200 so please direct your sump pump water out onto a well drained yard or the street. **Inspections can be requested without prior notice.**

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:

William & Bette Kohnen

Curtis & Linda Frost

Ronald & Sara Nelson

Mike & LuAnn Martinson

(In memory of Fred Brinkman)

(In memory of William (Buck) Gaden)



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!!**

16th Annual Blackhawk Scramble

Monday, June 20, 2022 at the Pines Course, Lake Arrowhead Golf Club
9:30 a.m. Registration & Driving Range - 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
\$75 each/\$300 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.



From the Desk of The Village Administrator



Welcome to Summer Village of Port Edwards Residents. I hope your Spring went well (as quick as it went) and you took advantage of the great weather we had here in central Wisconsin. Before we all start scattering to our summer adventures, I want to take a few moments of your time.

The year is ½ over and time is flying. The weather change is very inviting and I hope everyone takes advantage of the outdoor

activities we have regionally. We plan to conduct some local events in the Village with Rummage sales, Music Fests at Ripple Creek, our Fireman's Dance and Lions Picnic and look forward to seeing many of you there.

We will be conducting some major infrastructure projects this summer- 3rd street in our business district will be completed, the resurfacing of 4th street, Port Road and Seneca Roads as well as a few alleys we are identifying. We will also be replacing over 1000' of sidewalk repairs. I also appreciate your patience as we rollout the infrastructure fee (the \$35 cost that has been added to your vehicle registration fees). This small cost by vehicle owners has replaced "ALL" local assessments and ensures we invest directly back into our streets and sidewalks, by mandate. I am sure you will all agree that a small annual fee outweighs the past costs ranging into the thousands of dollars per resident for repair work conducted impacting your property.

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 I will take this opportunity to announce the demolition work will commence in Mid-May so we can start building some replacement structures for future businesses to occupy. This long-awaited event will directly benefit the Village and we look forward to future Village Town Halls to discuss what our plans are. Also, we will continue our dialogue with the NEPCO lake residents planning for the Boundary agreement ending in 18 months. 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, if you feel strongly get involved, you can help chart the course for the Village.

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 (retirements, inflation, supply chain issues, etc...) 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.

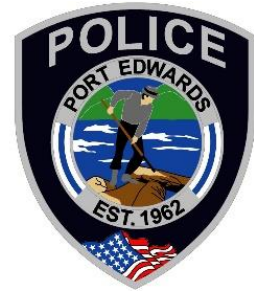
I will be asking for ideas and feedback on the events we have planned. We need to regain our small village atmosphere and start gathering as a community. We made some small strides last summer, but I see the need to expand that effort. I look forward to the discussion and ask for your help to execute these initiatives.

Let's get to work and stay "PORT PROUD!"

If you ever have a question or issue 24/7 give me a call 715-315-0304. Your Administrator Ray "Boz" Bossert

Port Edwards Police Department

Scott Drew, Chief of Police



Happy Summer!

I hope everyone is thawing out from our long winter. It is great to see so many people out enjoying our warmer weather. The days with the kids laughing and playing at the parks, having lemonade stands, and folks out enjoying our trails and beaches will soon be upon us.

With warmer weather we need to be more vigilant about slowing down and watching for pedestrians while driving. Our officers have seen way too many preventable crashes in our careers and certainly do not need to see anyone injured due to careless driving.

As of this writing, the current price per gallon of gas is \$4.24 at our local Amoco. Studies have shown that with price increases and a poor economy that statistically crime rates will go up. Although we have not seen a drastic increase in crime within the village, I would like to caution everyone to lock up their belongings and don't set yourself up to be a victim. Please be sure to close your garage doors at night, lock your doors to your homes, don't leave belongings in unlocked vehicles outside, lock your bicycles when they are not attended and do not leave valuable items out in your yard. These are a just a few things that make it harder for thieves to victimize you.

We are seeing a rise in phone scams again, most recently the scammers are using the "grandchild is in trouble with the law and needs bond/bail money" scam. A simple rule to follow is, **DO NOT SEND MONEY TO ANYONE WHO CALLS YOU ON THE TELEPHONE!** If someone in your family is truly in need of assistance, they will have other means to request assistance from you. Also, **NEVER PURCHASE GIFT CARDS AT THE REQUEST OF A CALLER!** This is 100% of the time a scam!!! A legitimate business or government agency will **NEVER** ask you to purchase gift cards and give them the information from the cards. If you receive one of these calls, simply hang up the phone, do not press any buttons on the phone, even if requested to do so, just hang up. **NEVER** give bank account information, social security numbers, or your date of birth. They may pretend like they have all your information, but they are attempting to get more. If you do fall victim to this type of scam, please make sure that you contact the police department, and we will provide you with some information to try to assist in minimizing the loss to you and your financial well-being.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns give us a call or stop down to the Police Station and we will be happy to assist you.

Scott L. Drew, Chief of Police

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF'S DESK

After a long cold start to Spring, Summer weather is finally here! I hope you are all out enjoying the sunshine and seeing all the plants burst back to life. It's my favorite time of year to drive along the river and see all the apple trees blossoming.

We've been busy at the Fire Dept. Our First Responder call volume is about double what it was at this time last year. We had ten of our members successfully complete a Pump Operator class. One member completed her Firefighter 1 course, three members completed a Rapid Intervention Training course, and one member obtained his Fire Protection Technician associates degree! I want to congratulate everyone and recognize all of their efforts and hard work. It's truly inspiring to see the total accumulated knowledge of our Port Edwards Firefighters/First Responders.

That being said, we're in great need of more members! When I first joined we had about 35 members, now we're at 17! Fill out an application online at the Village of Port Edwards website under the tab employment, print it out and drop it off at the municipal building or Email it to me at PEFD.Chief@portedwardswi.gov. Please apply, you'll be happy you did.

Severe Weather will soon be upon us so take a look at your plans to make sure that you are prepared just in case something does happen. In the event of a natural disaster, it may be necessary for you to take care of yourself and family for days before enough help arrives. Put together an emergency supply kit. For information on these kits go to www.ready.gov or www.nfpa.org/disaster.

Campfires and cookouts are a major part of our summertime fun. 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 responsibility.

The Port Edwards Firefighters Street Dance is Friday,

June 17th. We are proudly celebrating our 99th year of being a fire dept. Food, raffle tickets, door prizes and drink sales will start at 5pm. The band Road Trip will play from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. There is no admission charge. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please come and help us celebrate!

Have a great Summer and be safe!
Chief Jason Worden



Friends of the Monarchs

As I write this article our milkweed is growing each day getting ready to welcome the first monarchs that make their way to Port Edwards. I'm hoping the monarchs will have a good season here in Central Wisconsin. I'm also hoping that many village residents will plant milkweed and nectar flowers for our monarchs and of course for the bees and all other pollinators.



If you would like to learn how to raise monarchs you can certainly contact me and I can help you get started. I hope to give some monarch presentations throughout the summer that you can certainly attend to learn more about the monarchs. I will be at the Village (Lions) Picnic on July 27th along with my husband and my friend, Karla Leverance. We will have various stages of the monarch to show and will be there to answer questions. I will be giving a presentation at 6:00 p.m. so mark your calendars if you are interested. Please spread the word to friends from outside of Port that might also be interested.

Our Village Monarch Park continues to have things added. Thanks to everyone who has given monetary donations and/or helped by weeding in the gardens. We really do need more volunteers to help with the weeding. Thanks to Mert Scheffler who puts in countless hours doing that job. If you do not know what things need to be removed, contact me and my husband and I can help you learn what weeds need to be removed. This is a big job and continues all through the summer. We would be thrilled to have more help!

Kathy McGrath

1030 2nd Street ~ Port Edwards ~ 715-887-3448 ~ mcgfam@charter.net

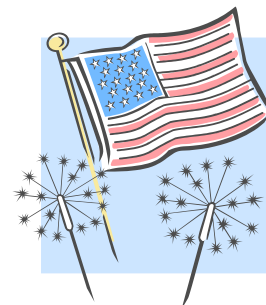
Community Calendar Items

- June 8 Bulk Pickup
- June 14 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.
- June 17 Port Edwards Fire Department Street Dance, food will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. and music will be from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- June 15 Sprinkling Restrictions go into effect
- June 20 16th Annual Blackhawk Scramble, Pines Course, Lake Arrowhead Golf Club

- July 4&5 Village Office Closed for Holiday
- July 12 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.
- July 13 Bulk Pickup

- Aug 9 Partisan Primary Election, Fire Station, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Aug 9 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 10 Bulk Pickup

- Sept 5 Village Office Closed For Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 13 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 14 Bulk Pickup



VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

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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

All meetings are held at the Marshall Buehler Center unless indicated otherwise.