



VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

FALL 2022 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, 2022
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 & Kathy McGrath

Larry & Lois Brostowitz

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. 27th & 28th**. Please be aware that there may be some dirty water during this time.

THANK YOU!!

The Village thanks Bev Schraeder for her help in maintaining the Village flower beds in front of the Municipal Building. It is truly appreciated!!



FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR



Fall is here, Village of Port Edwards Residents. I hope your Summer 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 settling into our Fall and Winter routines, I want to take a few moments of your time.

The year is $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 had some very successful events this summer with the Rummage sale, Fireman's dance, Lions Picnic and the Village Music fests. We look forward to planning for a few Fall and Winter events as well, more to follow.

We completed some major infrastructure projects this summer- 3rd street in our business district, the resurfacing of 4th street and the resurfacing of Port Road and Seneca Roads. We also replaced over 1000' of sidewalk. These were all made possible by the small infrastructure fee (the \$35 cost that has been added to your vehicle registration fees), that all Villagers pay instead of special assessments, 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 continued 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. Also, we will continue our dialogue with the NEPCO lake residents planning for the Boundary agreement to ending in 13 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 want to welcome our newest Village employee, David Mock and Village resident who has joined our Village Public Works team, welcome aboard David and look forward to the contributions you bring to the Team. We also said good bye and happy retirement to Craig Kasten, over 30 years of service to our village.

Budget season is upon us and your Village team will do our best to mitigate the major cost increases we all are seeing. Our Village is fiscally sound and we hope to continue that into the years ahead, regardless of the national or local issues.

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

HELLO FROM THE PORT EDWARDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Traffic Safety / School Zone Crossings:

School is back in session, so the hustle and bustle of kids walking and biking to and from school is back upon us. Please use extra 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.



Parents dropping off and picking up children from both schools, please remember to be courteous and FOLLOW THE RULES that are put in place by the School District and the Village of Port Edwards. These rules have been put in place to keep your children safe! “No Parking” areas have been established for safety reasons, not to inconvenience you and your students. Please remind your children to watch for cars and to not “dart” quickly into a roadway! We want all our little Blackhawks to make it home safe each and every day!

Congratulations to Officer Alesha Brundidge:

Officer Alesha Brundidge, who is a part-time Officer for the Port Edwards Police Department and is a full-time Deputy Sheriff for the Wood County Sheriff's Department, was recognized as the 2022 Crisis Intervention Team Officer of the Year for the State of Wisconsin. She was presented this prestigious award by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Brundidge is a tremendous asset to our village police force as well as our sheriff's department. Congratulations Alesha, we are very proud of your accomplishments!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 715-887-3030 or stop down to the Police Department to see us.

Scott Drew
Chief of Police



Winter Parking Restrictions!

Winter parking restrictions start November 1, 2022 and end April 1, 2023. **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.

Animals Running At Large – The Village has received complaints about dogs in the Village parks and cats running at large. Please keep your pets on a leash when they are outside. Thank you!!

Friends of the Monarchs

Yeah! Our long awaited gazebo is up and looks beautiful! Thanks to three major donors:

Don Tessmer in memory of his wife, Carol.

Jean Mansavage in memory of her mother, Lois.

Barbara Tolley, a former resident of Port Edwards and a monarch and nature lover.



There were also many other contributors over the years since we began raising money for the gazebo. A huge thank you to each and every person that has contributed! It takes a village!

Pat and I did a monarch tagging demonstration at the gazebo in August and we are hoping to do more presentations there next summer. This was not the best season for monarchs in our area. Our numbers were way down. Hopefully next summer will be better and we will be back to putting some live monarchs in the enclosure at the park.

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 in Port Edwards.

Please feel free to take your family and enjoy a picnic under the gazebo. Garbage and recycling containers have recently been added for your convenience.

As always, we are looking for anyone that would like to help with the gardening and weeding at the Village Monarch Park. The park has really become a beautiful place but it takes many hands to keep it looking that way. Please contact me if you would like to help.

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

MONARCH NEWS

It's late August and already the milkweeds in the Monarch Park are getting pods signaling the end of another season. Some of you may be wondering why there weren't any caterpillars put in the hut. Sadly, because of many environmental issues, this year wasn't very kind to our monarchs, and they have been put on the endangered species list.

Even though we didn't have our lovely monarchs, the gardens are still progressing nicely. Through generous donations, the garden beds have been stained and are currently getting re-mulched. But by far the most exciting addition is the new gazebo that was erected a few weeks ago. Thank you to Beau from Academic Yard Service and Jim Leiser for your help in bringing this project to life. In the future, the McGraths will be periodically giving presentations under this gazebo and Kathy will post the dates and times on Facebook. We sincerely hope the gazebo will allow people in the village to get some respite from the sun and take time to enjoy the tranquility of the flowers!



If you would like to honor a friend or a loved one, we are still adding to our memory plaque wall. Stop by the bank to pick up a form. The cost for the plaque is \$30.00 and all proceeds go back to the park for upkeep.

I will be retiring next April but plan on continuing to do my part to keep this garden going. Please stop by and see me or contact Kathy McGrath if you would be interested in helping with weeding and taking care of the flowers.

I hope next season will be better for this wonderful pollinator, but we all need to do our part so the monarch butterfly is around for many years to come!

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:

5/8" meter - \$ 15.22
1" meter - \$ 38.10
1 ½" meter - \$ 76.15
2" meter - \$106.63

Sprinkling Meter:

3" meter - \$205.62
4" meter - \$338.87
6" meter - \$643.50

Quarterly Service Charge for 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. 13	Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm
Sept. 27	Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water
Sept. 28	Hydrant Flushing, Beware of Dirty Water
Oct. 11	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. 8	General Election, Fire Station, 7:00 am-8:00 pm
Nov. 8	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Nov. 18	Fall Leaf Collection Ends
Nov. 24	Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 25	Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 6	Village Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Dec. 23	Village Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 26	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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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.