

Village of Port Edwards

Summer 2023 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.

Betsy A. Mancl – Village President

REVALUATION NOTICE

A revaluation of property assessments in the Village of Port Edwards shall occur for the 2023 assessment year. **Revaluation notices are expected to be sent to property owners in June or July, 2023.** Please also notice that the Assessor has certain statutory authority to enter land as described in Wis. Stat. §943.13 and 943.15.

The ability to enter land is subject to several qualifications and limitations, as described in the statutes. Copies of the applicable statutes can be obtained at public depositories throughout the State of Wisconsin and from the State of Wisconsin Legislative Bureau website (www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html), or a copy may be obtained from the municipal clerk upon payment of applicable copying charges.



17th Annual Blackhawk Scramble



Monday, June 19, 2023 at the Lakes 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.

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 (715-887-3512) 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.



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:

Ron & Karla Leverance

Gerald & Carol Zurfluh

Ronald & Sara Nelson

Jeanette Hoffman

Jean Kluender (In memory of

Don & Brian Kluender)

Joan Jesse (In memory of Fred Jesse)



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!!**

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Hello Summer!

Our time to enjoy outdoor activity is limited in Wisconsin, make sure to enjoy it while you can! I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our village and all that it has to offer. Going for walks or bike rides are great ways to get around and explore our village. Take the kids or grandkids to play on the purple dinosaur at Aubrey park or to cool off at the splash pad at Edwards Alexander Park. Don't forget about your four-legged friends, take them to check out the dog park! Make sure to get out and attend some ball games to support and encourage our young athletes. The village will also be hosting our Music Fests again this summer at Ripple Creek! Stop down and enjoy the talent of some local musicians and support our local vendors!

Support local! Make sure to support our established and new businesses as well as local organizations in Port Edwards! The Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association's Street Dance and the Lions Club Community picnic are always a good time. Proceeds from these events go for good causes that positively affect our village and our residents. Keep an eye out for lemonade stands to stop at and garage sales where you might find a new treasure.

Congratulations are for Tiara Grunden, Joe Zurfluh and Jen Moore, who are all serving as Village Trustees. I want to thank Sue Mitchell for her years of service to our village, her wisdom and guidance on the village board will be missed. Thank you to all our village staff as well! From the office staff assisting residents to the public works staff working in the cold and the heat, and the police and fire departments keeping our village safe and coming to our aide in times of crisis, these individuals keep our village running smoothly day in and day out, and I greatly appreciate all of what they do.

Members of our village board, staff and partners had a Strategic Planning Meeting shortly after the election to make sure we are all up to speed on village matters and to make sure we know our goals for this year. This is a time of transition on our Village Board and in our village in general. At the start of next year, we reassume the NEPCO lake property, our staff and the board have been proactively planning for this to happen, and I am proud of the collaboration that is going on in efforts that this being a smooth transition. We will be working on different projects down on Market Avenue and continue to attract businesses to come into our business district. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone on the board, our village staff, and residents to make sure we are all serving our entire village in the best way possible, leading with integrity, and transparency.

As I wrap up my first newsletter article as Village Board President, I invite everyone to participate in this endeavor with us, civil engagement is an important piece to making our village the best it can be. You can do this by attending our meetings or watching them as they get posted to our YouTube page. We also have a Facebook page that you can follow and stay up to date with what is happening with our village!

I hope that you all have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Betsy Mancl

Port Edwards Village Board President

Port Edwards Police Department

Scott Drew, Chief of Police



Hello from the Port Edwards Police Department!

For my summer newsletter I usually ask people to slow down and watch out for kids, who will be running amok in the warmer weather. I then try to emphasize some ordinances to brush up on, as a hint to some to clean up their yards, or paint the fence, or be respectful of the neighbors. While pondering my topics for this newsletter, I cannot help but think of the 4 Wisconsin Officers who have been murdered so far in 2023, 3 of which have been in the last month.

I see posts on social media, and I see flags and yard signs throughout our community supporting our Police, but I also see posts questioning the officers who have been killed or justifying their death by saying, "that's what they signed up for!" To be perfectly clear, no one signs up to be a police officer to be shot and killed while responding to a car in the ditch, or while making a traffic stop.

As I am writing this, I did an internet search for, "thin blue line meaning." I was horrified that the first thing that popped up was from NBC News January 29, 2021, which read, "The 'Thin Blue Line' flag, which resembles an American flag but has a blue stripe, is a sign of support for law enforcement but has also come to signal opposition to the racial justice movement and a symbol of white supremacy or support for the Blue Lives Matter cause."

Please know that this term, "Thin Blue Line" has been a concept that can be traced back to 1854 and the original thought behind it is that the "Thin blue line" is a term that typically refers to the concept of the police as the line which keeps society from descending into violent chaos. The "blue" in "thin blue line" refers to the blue color of the uniforms of many police departments.

Police officers serve their communities proudly knowing that without them there would/could be lawlessness and chaos. They pride themselves in knowing that while the flock is sleeping, they will battle the wolves to keep the flock safe. They know that they may have to pay the ultimate sacrifice, if need be, but the senselessness of these killings continues to increase, which is causing the desire to serve to diminish.

The Port Edwards Police Department is here to keep the violent chaos a "far-fetched" idea and we will do so with great pride. We appreciate all the community support that we have received and hope to continue to receive.

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

Monarch News

It won't be long before the monarchs return to our Monarch Village! The Village Monarch Park continues to grow and have things added to it. What we really need now is more help with the gardens! We would welcome the help of anyone who is willing to help with the weeding now and throughout the summer. In the spring the weeds are the first things to come up so it is a good time to do some preventative work. In fall, the gardens need to be cleaned up and any weeds need to be removed which helps for the next spring. Please contact me if you are willing to help out. My husband, Pat, would be happy to work with anyone to familiarize them as to what the good plants look like and which ones need to be removed. Just contact us. We will appreciate any help we can get.

If anyone wants to plant something in the gardens, please check with us first. Some plants can be invasive and take over the good plants in the beds. Pat will also show you where things could be planted. We would like to add more annuals to the raised beds this year.

I want to thank Mert Sheffler for all the work she has done and continues to do at the gardens even though she has now retired from the bank. She has been a great supporter of the gardens from the beginning and has put in endless hours weeding the raised beds. Congratulations on your retirement, Mert!

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



Alexander House ~ Monarchs in Art Exhibit

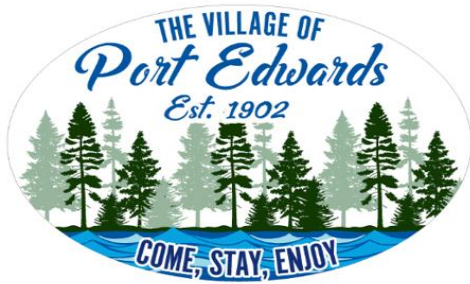
I would encourage everyone to visit the Alexander House this summer for the Monarch Exhibit that will be running from June 30 – August 15. The Alexander House is open on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will be showcasing the brilliance and beauty of the monarch butterfly and celebrating the fact that Port Edwards is a Monarch Village. You are invited to attend the Opening Reception for the show which will be held on Friday, June 30th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Artists will be present on this opening night. Kathy and Patrick McGrath will be there on that date showing live specimens of the monarch life cycle and talking with people about how to help the monarchs.

Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association Street Dance is Friday, June 16th.

Enjoy good food and drinks. The bands Genesee Depot and Road Trip will provide entertainment. There is no admission charge. Please come join the fun!!



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- major projects in our Business District with road resurfacing and sidewalk repairs. Resurfacing of parts of 2nd Street, Ver Bunker and four Alleys in the Village. We will also be replacing over 1000' of sidewalk repairs. We plan to spend some time improving our Bike trails and other small improvements in the Park network.

We continue to improve our Parks with new facilities. Our Dog park is fully functional and working with a citizen group we plan to improve our Disc Frisbee Park at Ripple Creek. 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-June 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 to end in 6 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 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

Community Calendar Items

June 13 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm
June 14 Bulk Pickup
June 15 Sprinkling Restrictions go into effect
June 16 Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association Street Dance
June 19 17th Annual Blackhawk Scramble, Lake Arrowhead Golf Club
June 30 Opening Reception for Monarch Exhibit, Alexander House, 5:00 p.m.

July 3&4 Village Offices Closed for Holiday
July 11 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm
July 12 Bulk Pickup

Aug. 8 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm
Aug. 9 Bulk Pickup

Sept. 4 Village Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 12 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm
Sept. 13 Bulk Pickup



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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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