

Village of Port Edwards Spring 2025 Newsletter



Spring Election – April 1, 2025

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025 the residents of the Village of Port Edwards will be selecting three Village Trustees and a Village President. Voting will take place at the **Fire Station** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR PHOTO ID WITH YOU!

There are three candidates for Village President; therefore, this race will be included on the ballot at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in order to bring the number down to two candidates to be placed on the Spring Election ballot.

Meet the Village President Candidates:

BETSY A MANCL

Hello, my name is Betsy Mancl, and I humbly ask for your vote on February 18th/April 1st to continue serving as the Village President of Port Edwards.

I've been married to my husband, Josh, for 14 years, and together we have three wonderful children at home. I work as the Health Aide for the Port Edwards School District and as a casual LPN at Edgewater Haven. I'm also active as a volunteer at school events, village functions, and our church. My husband serves



as a full-time firefighter/paramedic with the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department and as Captain/EMS Director for the Port Edwards Volunteer Fire Department. We are deeply committed to our community.

Why I'm Running Again

I'm running for re-election because I bring the work ethic, dependability, and forward-thinking mindset this position requires. Over the past two years, I've attended 96% of the over 150 meetings expected of me. Fellow board trustees have expressed that I am dependable and someone they can count on.

During my tenure as Village President, we have achieved meaningful, impactful progress, including: Efficiency Improvements: Implementing a pilot program where our Department of Public Works Supervisor also serves as Administrative Coordinator, maximizing funds from the previous village administrator budget.

Fire Department Stability: Transforming the department into a well-performing, community-focused team, expanding service contracts, and increasing membership.

Police Department Stabilization: Supporting Chief Drew in stabilizing the police department during difficult times, fostering increased community trust and leading to an increase in officer applications.

Understanding the Role

The role of Village President involves presiding over board meetings, signing ordinances, permits, and regulations, and appointing individuals to commissions and committees. However, executive authority is shared with the board, requiring a majority vote for decisions.

Beyond meetings, I've:

Bridged gaps between administrators to ensure smooth operations.

Maintained communication with local leaders and state legislators to advocate for village resources and safety.

Promoted local businesses, schools, and organizations.

Worked with staff to update and improve the village website.

Collaborated respectfully with all board members, even when opinions differ.

Fiscal Responsibility

I believe in being proactive and responsible with village tax dollars. We need to consistently evaluate long-term plans, ask tough questions about needs versus wants, and find common-sense solutions to manage rising costs. I don't vote "no" simply to appear fiscally responsible — I seek alternatives and bring solutions to the table.

Goals for the Future

If re-elected, I have some additional goals for myself:

Provide monthly updates via the website and social media to keep residents informed.

Form an ad hoc committee focused on the DMI and Y properties for the village's best interests.

Advocate more aggressively for the village at local and state levels.

Regularly review Capital Improvement and 10-Year Plans with department heads.

Continue website improvements for transparency and efficiency.

Stay accessible and engaged with residents, listening to their concerns and ideas.

A Leader Who Shows Up

Our residents deserve a leader who is present, engaged, and dedicated. You will always get my full effort, accessibility, and a positive, solutions-focused outlook.

Voting Information

Your vote matters! Vote in person on election day or during early voting at the municipal building. Request an absentee ballot at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Vote-Absentee-By-Mail.

Together, let's keep moving Port Edwards in the right direction!

Betsy A. Mancl



MATTHEW FLETCHER

My name is Matthew Fletcher and I'm running for President and Trustee of the Port Edwards Board. The reason I'm running is simple, I wanna make Port Edwards affordable again.

- 1. I've lived in Port Edwards for 50 years.
- 2. I'm a 25 year member of the Port Edwards Fire Department (Retired).
- 3. I'm a member of the Port Edwards Lions Club.
- 4. I own multiple homes in Port Edwards.
- 5. I've coached Port Edwards Baseball and Softball for 10 years.
- 6. I have multiple degrees in Business Administration and Respiratory Therapy.

- 7. I currently manage the Respiratory Department for a major home respiratory company in Wisconsin.
- 8. I've lived here my whole life and truly care about Port Edwards.

My plan is simple:

- 1. I will clean up the paper mill that the current administration leaders have been ignoring. Fixing this one problem will bring back businesses to our community. This increased tax base will help lower our property taxes and reduce our water and sewer bills. This will also give the community more revenue and jobs to grow our town.
- 2. I will stop the current administration's wasteful spending habits like extra legal fees and unneeded committees. These extra committees have added a huge increase to our taxes and have destroyed our Fire Department.
- 3. I will make the entire town board completely transparent. I will put an end to our current board leaders' closed door meetings, and secret policies.



In conclusion, please take a moment and ask yourself if the quality of Port Edwards has improved during the last couple of expensive years.

Vote Matt Fletcher!!



ERIK D SAYLOR

Hello Port Edwards, my name is <u>Erik Saylor</u> and I am asking for your vote to represent you as the Village President in the upcoming April 2025 election.

I have been a Village resident for 46 years, a graduate of John Edwards High School, a 20-year US Navy Veteran, a 21-year retired Captain on Port Edwards Fire Department and a youth football\baseball\b

As far as my education is concerned, I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Lakeland University. Currently, I am the Director of Technology for the Nekoosa School District supporting all technology needs for 1,500 students and staff across the entire, five building campus. The district technology department's annual budget is over one million dollars which I manage by myself and make the proper decisions on what to spend the taxpayers' money on for the students and staff to be successful.

Throughout my life and experiences, I have worked with many great leaders. Leaders that do what they say and stand by what they have promised to get to the position that they are in. Successful leaders build committees from team members that are knowledgeable or work in areas that put them in the best positions to make professional decisions. A great leader should not take credit for the accomplishment of others and use their ideas as their own. None of this has happened during the last two years under the current leadership. Promises were made and not kept, committees were formed with non-subject matter experts that tore apart departments, taxpayer dollars were wastefully spent and honestly, at most, the Village growth has stalled if not declined.

Just in the last two years, promises were made to create a better website, accountability, voting on all motions as a President, earlier committee budget talks, DMI cleanup and applying for grants, but none of that happened. Instead, we got DMI refusing to return our calls again, more dilapidated buildings that

will need to be demolished, improperly recorded village meetings, a fire department that lost hundreds of years of experience from members that decided they couldn't take anymore because of village decisions and threats, tax dollars being spent on attorney fees and other unbudgeted expenses, two administrators leaving their position, two elected trustees resigning their positions prior to their end of term and a Legacy grant that was used to build a bike path in front of the current Village President's house.

If elected as the Village President I will make local government as transparent as possible and cut out the closed-door games and gossip. It is not fair to the residents to be left out of the know when it comes to how your tax dollars are being spent. I will put knowledgeable people in committees where they have experience not just because somebody asked to be on a specific committee.

 We need to prioritize spending by putting your tax dollars into work by making our streets, infrastructure and economic development at the top of the list. The intent is to get back to some of the basics while still allowing the Village to grow.



- I'd like to have resident open discussions scheduled so we can develop a list of goals that you would like to see the direction of the Village move towards. Then, us as the Board will be able to figure out how to achieve those goals. It takes a Village, and I want all of you to be a part of it.
- Looking for a better website solution so that agendas, minutes and recorded monthly meetings can be posted for everybody to see in a timely manner. The Village website should be a one stop shop for anything Village related that is easily navigable to find what you are looking for.
- We also need to look for ways to set our beautiful Village apart from other municipalities like properly marketing ourselves for people interested in starting a business or moving here.

Since getting on the Village Board in 2015, it has been a goal of mine to not lavishly spend our tax dollars to just spend money and I have the public voting record to prove it. This is how I intend to run the Villages finances, if we do not have the money budgeted then we can't spend it.

All is not doom and gloom but sometimes you must hear the bad side of things before we can start working towards the good side of things. I am excited to look to the future to see how we can secure more grants and federal funding to continue the improvements throughout our Village. I want to continue to make Port Edwards a place for families to grow and affordable to live in.

The time for sugar coating or ignoring issues has passed and people need to step up in which I intend to do. With your vote, I am looking forward to the future as someone will not tell you what you want to hear but someone that will tell you what you need to hear because the work does not stop. I hope to carry on, your trust in me, as your Village President, as we work to a brighter future of this great community.

Thanks, Erik D Saylor

Meet the Village Trustee Candidates:

ERIC HUMMEL

My name is Eric Hummel, and I am asking for your vote to remain on the Village of Port Edwards Board of Trustees.

Hometown Feel, Small Town Values, Forward Thinking

Below is a summary of my background, why I want to continue serving you on the Board, and what we can accomplish together.

I want to continue as a Village of Port Edwards Trustee:

To secure the Mission and Values of the Village of Port Edwards by solidifying our future financial stability, exploring growth opportunities, and evolving the capability of the Board to efficiently and effectively serve our citizens.

Why we chose to live in Port Edwards

We chose to live here to be close to our extended family, the community values, and the people we met. I am married to Jackie Summerfield, a Milwaukee native, and a former 31-year public



school teacher. We have lived in Wisconsin most of our lives. Our three grown daughters and their families, including five grandchildren, visit often. They love to spend time in the area and on NEPCO Lake.

What I bring to the Board

- A career history of building better communication, processes, and outcomes for organizations and businesses.
- Local experience I was appointed to the Village Board in September 2024. I attended 90% of the Board meetings as a citizen from 2021 to 2024.
- I have positive relationships with the current Board Trustees, the Village Manager, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and Police & Fire Commission (PFC) members.
- I have ideas on how to listen more directly to Village residents.
- I will meet with our elected state and District officials to advocate for additional state funding.

My career

- 18 years as a practicing Wisconsin Licensed Psychologist
- 7 years as a Process Excellence Consultant including facilitating the merger of the UW Health Medical Foundation and Physician's Plus, facilitating the mission redesign of the Madison Police Department, and improving the efficiency of the United Nation's International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) plutonium assessment team.
- 15 years providing leadership development and coaching, organizational design & development, technology company mergers and acquisitions activities, and leading global teams for three technology companies.
- 6 years served in the United States Army Reserves (Military Police & Medic trained)

My Experience on Boards

- 1. Wisconsin United Methodist District Committee on Ministry Board (1980's)
- 2. Milwaukee FBI Citizens Academy Board (2018-19)
- 3. NEPCO Lake District founder and Board Chairperson (2022 to Present))
- 4. Village of Port Edwards Board of Trustees (September 2024 to Present)

My approach to Board decisions and actions

I am an independent thinker and make decisions and actions based on compatibility with the Village's Vision and Organizational Values while understanding the "short and long-term" consequences.

My Financial Philosophy

Budget creation and spending should reflect a combination of citizen valued "Must Have's" with selected Investments and development opportunities in areas that will lead to financial gain for the Village and highly valued improvements.

(Example of Philosophy in Practice) - We have kept the NEPCO Lake District fees the same each year while providing more or better services.

I appreciate your consideration. You vote that in person on Tuesday, April 1or by early voting at the municipal building. You can also go to https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Vote-Absentee-By-Mail to get your absentee ballot and mail it in!

Please contact me with your questions and comments: Ejhummel15@gmail.com

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JOSEPH H ZURLUH

I am running for another term on the Village Board, so I can continue to support the positive direction the board is heading under our current leadership. I hope to serve our Village residents for another term, to keep us headed in the correct direction we have established.

I feel my experience in dealing with Village matters, while serving as the Chief of Police, and later, as Village President, give me a positive insight in dealing with today's Village issues. The issues we face today must be handled in a professional manner.

There is still work to do, for instance, supporting our local businesses and encouraging new ones to come to Port Edwards. We have made strides in the direction the Village is heading.



I believe my knowledge of the history of the past Village topics and endeavors, and my years of being a Village employee, make me qualified to help in keeping us headed in the proper direction. President Mancl has done an outstanding job of leading our Village Board.

In closing, I would appreciate your support on April 1st. Please make sure you exercise your right to vote! Thank you very much for your past support!

Joseph Zurfluh Trustee

NICK FLUGAUR

Hello, my name is Nick Flugaur, and I am running for Village Trustee in the April election.

I have lived in Port for over 20 years, and for most of them, I have participated in government from a distance. Informed, educated, and involved when involvement was needed, like it is now.

The reason is because I have spent my entire professional career working for, with, through, between, and around local, state, tribal, and Federal governments. I completed my Master of Science in Risk Control and was hired straight out of Grad School in 2003 by the Ho-Chunk



Nation, where I was the Emergency Management Coordinator until 2019. My career continues through the current day, where I am in year 6 of working for Wood County as the Safety & Risk Specialist.

Over the years, I have gained experience in government administration, emergency services (including helping create the Tribe's facility-based EMS and serving as EMS Service Director), finance and budgeting, policy development, and just generally learning how governments of all shapes and sizes should and shouldn't function. I have also served in membership and leadership roles of various professional organizations, proudly serving as Vice-President of the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association from 2013 until I left the field in 2019.

Regardless of the size of the Village's workforce, there are always things that can be learned from how other people do things. Consistency, accountability, and transparency have always been priorities for how I operate, and also how the government should operate.

We have some exciting initiatives in progress that I would very much like to continue to be part of moving forward.

We should be accessible and responsive, not only to the vocal minority, but to all those with a stake in the Village and the services we provide. We should be efficient, reliable, and professional, and always, we should strive to do things that make us Port Proud. That is why I am asking for your vote, in order to keep things moving in the right direction, FORWARD.

MATTHEW FLETCHER – See Article under Village President Candidates







Friends of the Monarchs

Even though our weather is cold, we are still looking forward to the return of the monarchs. Last summer was not great for the monarchs and we are hoping that this summer may be better. So many things have to go just right for the monarch population!

We will be looking for more volunteers this spring and summer to keep our Village Monarch Park looking great. We can always use more help with weeding and planting flowers. Thanks to the people that helped out last summer keeping the park looking wonderful! Just contact me (715-887-3448) if you would like to help and we will let you know when someone else will be working at the park so you can learn what needs to be done.

Remember the Memory Wall at the park. If you would like to honor a friend, loved one or even a pet, you can stop by the Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank in Port Edwards to pick up a form for the plaques.

Kathy McGrath ~ 715-887-3448 ~ kathym369@gmail.com



Welcome to spring, Village of Port Edwards residents. I want to take a few moments of your time to inform you of events and projects planned for this year.

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, Firefighter's Street Dance,

Lions Picnic, Trunk-or-Treat and Christmas Tree Lighting, and look forward to seeing many of you there.

We will be conducting one major infrastructure project this summer- 2nd Street from Edwards Avenue to Alexander Avenue, with new sewer line, water line, storm sewer line, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and pavement. The project is to start in June and be completed by September. We will also be replacing over 500 feet of sidewalk repairs, chip sealing of streets and resurfacing of Ver Bunker Avenue from Brentwood to 5th Street. We will also be lining culvert pipe under Ver Bunker Avenue from Ripple Creek pond.

We continue to improve our parks with new facilities. Our dog park is fully functional. The Village was awarded a Legacy grant that is being used for a bike trail on Port Road from Ver Bunker Avenue to a safe crossing at Hwy 54/73 to connect to the existing bike trail on Hwy 54/73. Construction is expected to be completed this summer.

If you ever have any questions or issues, please give me a call at 715-451-0287.

Ben Martinson, Public Works Supervisor/Administrator

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

Spring hydrant flushing will take place May 6th & 7th. Please be aware that there may be some dirty water.



NOTE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT!

Hello Port Edwards! It's time to bring your attention to the latest happenings around the Village. There has been plenty of activity, and I am excited to share updates on changes within our Village Board, leadership transitions, financial planning, and more. Let us dive into what has been going on and what lies ahead for our wonderful community!

<u>Board Changes</u>: There has been a recent change on the Village Board. Tiara Grunden has stepped down as Village Trustee after years of dedicated service. I extend my sincerest thanks to her for her contributions to our community. I nominated, and the Board approved, Mr. Nick Flugaur to fill her seat for the remainder of her term. Nick brings extensive experience and knowledge to the board, from his role as a Wood County Safety & Risk Specialist.

When I nominate individuals for board positions or appointments to committees and commissions, I seek people with skill sets that will benefit the Village and foster diverse perspectives. It's important to avoid creating an echo chamber — having thoughtful discussions and respectful differences of opinion leads to stronger decisions and better outcomes for our community. I am confident that our current board, commissions, committees, and staff are well-prepared to serve us today while safeguarding our future.

Honoring Chief Drew: Police Chief Scott Drew will retire this April, with his last day in uniform on February 14. Chief Drew stepped into his role during a challenging time for our Village Board and Police Department. Under his leadership, the department has regained respect and professionalism. His implementation of essential policies ensures the department operates within state statutes, protecting our community now and into the future. Chief Drew's leadership and dedication will be deeply missed. We thank him for his service and wish him a joyful retirement.

<u>Welcome Incoming Chief Abbott:</u> Following Chief Drew's retirement, the Police & Fire Commission has appointed Brandon Abbott as our new Chief of Police. Chief Abbott has served our Village since shortly after Chief Drew took over and has made significant contributions to our community. Congratulations, Chief Abbott!

<u>Fire Department Growth:</u> Our Fire Department continues to thrive with both new and experienced members joining the team. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Chief Lease and all department members for their dedication and service. Thank you to those who stayed through challenges and to the new faces choosing to serve. I also commend the Police & Fire Commission for their diligence in recruiting and appointing professional, community-focused leaders for both departments. As Chief Drew said during the last Public Safety meeting, "I feel good about the future of our village and its public safety."

<u>Financial Planning for the Future:</u> At the close of 2024, the Village Board approved the 2025 budget, and staff are already working hard to execute it. I appreciate the collaboration and effort that went into its creation. With the rising costs of nearly everything, managing our budget responsibly becomes

increasingly challenging. The Village has a set amount we are permitted to spend each year, and those margins grow tighter. That is why I've asked department heads to create 10-year plans to help us map out our priorities and prepare for a stable future. This forward-thinking approach ensures we can differentiate between immediate needs and future wants, enabling us to make informed, responsible financial decisions.

Your Voice Matters — Vote! As we head into the primary and spring elections, I encourage everyone to vote and stay informed. Your vote is essential to keeping our Village



moving in the right direction. Be sure to seek out accurate information and participate in shaping the future of Port Edwards!

Respectfully, **Betsy A. Mancl** Village President

Port Edwards Fire Department: Growth, Community, and Gratitude

The Port Edwards Fire Department is proud to announce a significant milestone—our membership has grown to 20 members for the first time since 2021! In just the past seven months since taking on the role of Fire Chief, I have made tremendous strides in strengthening our department. This growth brings a diverse range of experience, allowing us to better serve the village and surrounding areas. With both seasoned firefighters and new recruits, we are more prepared than ever to respond to emergencies and support our community.

This past year, I have prioritized community involvement, expanding our presence beyond the fire station. In addition to hosting events at the department, I have been actively engaged in various village activities, strengthening our connection with the residents we serve. Our commitment to public safety and outreach has never been stronger.

A special thank you goes to Village President Betsy Mancl for her unwavering support of our department. Her leadership and encouragement have been instrumental in implementing new initiatives and fostering growth. Beyond her role as Village President, Betsy has gone above and beyond by joining the department as an EMS provider, demonstrating her dedication to the well-being of our community.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Village Board, Administrator, and the Police & Fire Commission (PFC) for their continued support. Their commitment has allowed us to enhance our operations and expand our coverage area, ensuring the highest level of service for our residents. Most importantly, I want to recognize the members of the Port Edwards Fire Department for their dedication and willingness to serve. Their hard work and passion have helped make our department the best it has ever been.

As I move forward, I remain committed to our mission of protecting and serving Port Edwards. With a growing team, increased community involvement, and unwavering support from our leadership and residents, the future of the Port Edwards Fire Department has never been brighter.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Fire Chief Dustin Lease

HELLO FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

As we patiently wait for spring, it's essential to remember that the Wisconsin winter can throw us a curve ball at any time. Please remember to always drive safely and especially in school zone areas. The safety of our students, parents and staff is the utmost priority. We also want to remind everyone that even though there isn't snow on the roadways all the time, we do ask you not to park vehicles on the village streets at night during the winter months so our DPW can conduct their job safely.

As some of you may know, Chief Scott Drew has decided to hang up his duty belt after a successful career in Law Enforcement. He stared his career working for the Village of

McFarland before taking a position with the Wood County Sheriff's Department. Chief Drew spent over 20 years with the Wood County Sheriff's Department before being hired as the Chief of Police in the Village of Port Edwards. The past 5 plus years have been a pleasure to work for Chief Drew and he will be missed by all.

I am excited for the next few months as I transition from Patrolman/SRO to Chief of Police. I would like to thank everyone for their support during the hiring process. I look forward to working with the DPW, Fire Department and Village board as we continue to better our community. If you have not met me in the past 5 plus years I have worked at the Police Department, please stop by and say hello.

Stay safe, **Brandon Abbott**Patrolman/SRO
Port Edwards Police Department



Thank You Donald and Bonnie Derezinski

for providing the electricity for the Village Christmas decorations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Ordinance Violations

Spring is a good time to clean up our yards and keep the Village looking like a great place to live or run a business. There are several violations of the Village ordinances which will be enforced. To name a couple:

Parking vehicles on the grass is in violation of Village ordinances. Section 17.23(2)(d) states in part: "Surfacing. All off-street parking areas shall be graded and surfaced so as to be dust-free and properly drained..."

Several violations of the building codes also exist. If you receive a letter to this effect, please make arrangements to correct the violation(s) as soon as possible to avoid being assessed a fine.

Spring Cleanup

The Village takes pride in being a very clean community. Residents expect the Village government to enforce the rules when it comes to garbage, clutter, and vehicles. Please remember:

- Garbage, appliances, clutter, etc. is not permitted to be left in public view.
- Campers, boats, etc. must be parked and stored BEHIND or ALONG SIDE houses. They are not allowed to be parked in front of the house or on the street other than for actual loading or unloading.
- DOG FECES IS NOT YARD WASTE. Raking dog feces into grass piles for the village crew to pick up will not be tolerated. Residents doing so will be referred to the Police Department.

Garbage and Recycling

Please remember to place your weekly garbage and biweekly recyclables out for curbside pickup by **6:00 AM** each day of pickup. Recycle pickup is every other week. 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.

Leaf, Grass and Brush Pickup

As the winter ends and we start to get outside again, please remember the following:

On a weekly basis, the crew will pick up grass that is **properly** placed. Typically grass pickup is on Mondays and Tuesdays.

PLEASE NOTE: Brush will be picked up on the same week as recycling.

Please be conscientious when placing waste at the curb. Be sure no foreign objects, such as stones, metal, etc. are mixed in with the waste. One piece of metal can completely ruin a \$300 set of chipper blades. Repairing equipment takes time and money and results in delays in picking up waste so PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

- All brush and grass must be placed on the boulevard area behind the curb.
- 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.

The Village generates many tons of compostable material each year. If you need compost or wood chips, please contact the Municipal Building to arrange delivery of the material. Delivery is free to Village residents.

Shelter Reservations

Reservations for the Ripple Creek Park outside shelter and Edwards-Alexander Memorial Park enclosed and

outside shelters can be made by calling the Municipal Building at 715-887-3512.

Current prices for using the Enclosed Shelter are:

Resident fee with kitchen \$125.00
Non-resident fee with kitchen \$150.00

A \$25.00 refund will be issued if the building is left clean.

Residents can reserve the outside shelters free of charge while non-residents are charged \$35.00.

Street Lights

The Village makes every effort to ensure that all the street lights in town are working but we need your help. Please let us know anytime you notice a street light that is not working or not working properly. If you have internet access, you can also report street light outages directly to Alliant Energy. Go to *alliantenergy.com* and at the top of the page select *Customer Service*; then *Storm and Outage Center*. Then select *Report an Electric Outage* and fill in the required information. It is quick and easy, but if you prefer, don't hesitate to call the office 715-887-3512.

THANK YOU FOR FLAG DONATIONS

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

Our recent contributors are:

Dan & Sandra Gallagher Sandy Vandehey & Gary Blum Dave & Karen Thiel Port Edwards Lions Club

The flag project is funded entirely from private donations and the flags require replacement every one to two years, so we are in need of donations again this year to keep our flags flying bright and proud.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!

Village Wide Garage Sale

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale on May 17th.** It is a great time to find bargains and visit with friends and neighbors.



Community Calendar Items

March 12 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.

April 1 Parking Restrictions, no longer in effect and parking on the streets is allowed

April 1 Spring Election, Vote at Fire Station, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

April 9 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.

April 18 Village Offices Closed for Good Friday

April 20 Happy Easter!!

May 6 Hydrant Flushing (Be aware there may be some dirty water)

May 7 Hydrant Flushing (Be aware there may be some dirty water)

May 14 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.

May 17 Village Garage Sales

May 17 Brat Fry (St. Alexander's PCCW), 1251 4th Street

May 26 Village Offices Closed for Memorial Day

May 26 Memorial Day Services, Village cemetery

June 11 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.

June 13 Port Edwards Firefighters Street Dance, Fire Station

June 15 Sprinkling Restrictions go into effect

June 16 Port Edwards Education Foundation Blackhawk Scramble

July 3 Village Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday

July 4 Village Offices Closed for 4th of July Holiday

July 9 Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 p.m.



Does your organization or church have an event you would like to publicize? Submit it for the next Village newsletter by stopping at the Municipal Building or calling 715-887-3513 for more information.