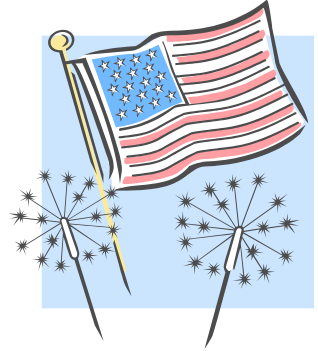


Village of Port Edwards

Summer 2026 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

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 half 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 the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery, Firefighters' Athletic Association Annual Street Dance, PEBA Baseball/Softball Tournament and Lions Picnic. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

We will be conducting some major infrastructure projects this summer, which include:
2nd Street from Edwards Avenue to Market Avenue alleyway.

Replace 500' of sidewalk.

Annual chip sealing and crack filling.

New playground equipment at Ripple Creek Park.

Design work and grant applications for potential 2nd Street road project from Market Avenue to Ver Bunker Avenue in 2027.

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

Ben Martinson

FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

As we move into summer, I want to share a few updates from around our Village parks and the Village Board.

Ripple Creek Playground Improvements

A major improvement this season is the installation of a new inclusive playground at Ripple Creek Park, made possible through a generous grant from the Legacy Foundation.

Designed so children of all abilities can play together, the playground now includes improved accessible surfacing with woodchips on one side and a poured-in-place rubber safety surface on the other.

Ripple Creek Park remains one of the Village's busiest parks during the summer, especially with the baseball and softball diamonds located there. While visiting, I encourage residents to also enjoy the dog park, spend time at the fishing pond, and stop in for a ballgame this summer.

Tree City Recognition

I am proud to share that the Village of Port Edwards has officially been recognized as a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation, reflecting our commitment to maintaining and investing in our community's green spaces.

Thank You to Our Grant Partners

We are grateful for grant opportunities like this and the funding that helped make the Splash Pad at Edwards Alexander Park possible. These partnerships allow us to improve community spaces and provide safe recreation opportunities without placing the full cost burden on local taxpayers.

Village Board Updates

The Planning, Property, and Legislative Committee continues reviewing and updating Village ordinances to ensure alignment with Wisconsin state statutes.

The Board has also resumed discussion regarding a wake boat ordinance for NEPCO Lake. A public meeting was held to gather input from residents and experts as discussions continue among the three municipalities involved.

In addition, the Board is exploring ways to improve and streamline the budget process. I appreciate the hard work of our department heads in maintaining responsible budgets while continuing to meet the needs of our residents.

Residents are always encouraged to attend meetings or reach out with questions and input. As summer activity increases, we also ask everyone to help keep our parks clean and safe for all to enjoy.

Community Connection

Please take time this summer to enjoy our parks, attend local baseball and softball games, and check the Community Calendar for upcoming events. We also encourage residents to support the local organizations and businesses that help make Port Edwards a strong and vibrant community.

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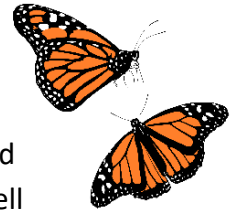
It is a privilege to serve a community that continues to invest in its future while valuing the spaces that bring us together.

Betsy Mancl
Village President

Friends of the Monarchs

As summer approaches we are anticipating the arrival of the monarchs. We always look forward to seeing our first one!

The Village Monarch Park takes a lot of work keeping it looking nice all summer long. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help with the weeding and care of the gardens. Your help is certainly appreciated. If you would like to help and have not yet volunteered, just give me a call and Pat and I can tell you what we need help with. A HUGE thank you to Mert Sheffler for ALL the hours of work she has been putting in at the gardens this spring.



I will be doing a monarch presentation at the Sandhill Wildlife Refuge on June 13th at 10:00 a.m. If you or anyone you know wants to know more about monarchs and how you can help them, come to the presentation. I will have lots of free handouts and maybe even some live parts of the monarch life cycle to share!

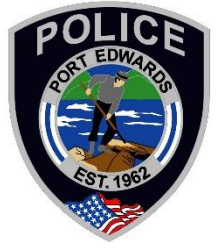
You can also check my Facebook page throughout the summer to see where I might be doing more monarch presentations. My presentations are great for children and adults alike!

Please think about remembering your loved one by purchasing a plaque for the Memorial Wall at the Village Monarch Park. Plaques are \$25.00/each and the forms can be obtained from the Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank – Port branch. This is a wonderful way to honor family and friends who are no longer with us.

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

Port Edwards Police Department

Brandon Abbott, Chief of Police



Hello from the Port Edwards Police Department,

I think Summer is finally here even though it seems like we missed Spring and went from Winter to Summer. We have exciting things happening around the Village including new playgrounds, roads and other things to make our community better. We at the Police Department love our community and want to keep it safe and fun. Please help us by going over guidelines with your children for bike safety and rules of the road. I would also like to share some of my thoughts regarding being kind as we move into the summer of 2026.

Be Kind:

When someone is in the crosswalk

When your dog is habitually barking

When you are leaving unsightly items in your yard

When you are speeding through that school zone

When maintaining your lawn/trees

When you place all your trash inside your bins and then remove them from the curb after pickup

When you are leaving junk/unregistered vehicle on your property

When you are having guests at home and having outside gatherings

Please be kind and think about how your actions/inactions are affecting the community and your neighbors. It is always easier and more enjoyable when we get along with our neighbors.

Thank you and have a great summer,
Chief of Police – Brandon Abbott

El Café Storytime

On the first Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict), Kathy McGrath hosts a storytime for children in the Community Room at El Café. The event runs from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. and children must be accompanied by an adult. Kathy reads a book (usually with a puppet to go with it) and then sings songs and does nursery rhymes and poems with the children. Children of any age are welcome to attend. You may also stay to eat breakfast or brunch after the storytime is finished. There is no registration and you can just show up whenever you want to come. This is open to all families in the area; not just Port Edwards. Always check with the café to make sure the event is happening on the first Saturday of the month.

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 & Sara Nelson

Larry & Lois Brostowitz



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!!**

20th Annual Blackhawk Scramble

Monday, June 22, 2026, at Bullseye Golf Club, 2800 Ridgewood Trail, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

9:30 a.m. Registration & Driving Range - 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Cost: \$100 each/\$400 per foursome

All proceeds go to student enrichment projects!



Both a bag lunch and dinner included!! Hole prizes and raffle prizes!! Consider honoring a family member, classmate or friend by sponsoring a hole in their name.

For more information on this event hosted by the Port Edwards Education Foundation, please contact Sharon Morell (715-340-0155) email scmorell@charter.net or Karen Thiel (715-570-6883) email thiel@wctc.net.



FOOD TRUCKS

The ladies of AuraLux Salon and Mia Bella Salon are excited for summer, mainly to bring the food trucks back for another season. We had a great season last year thanks to all who came down! The food truck lot will reopen June 1, 2026, and will be open every Monday into October from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of 140 Market Avenue, downtown Port Edwards. Find us on Facebook to see the weekly lineup of trucks. Come on down and bring some friends!

Sierra & Jenn Lech

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.



Water & Sewer Billings

Water and sewer billings are quarterly, on the 1st of January, April, July, and October with the bills

due 20 days later. If not paid on time, a 3% late fee will be added. 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 payment box in front of the Municipal Building, or mailed in. You can also go to the Village website at www.vi.portedwards.wi.gov to make credit or debit card payments.

PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY!

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.

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.

A Summer Safety Message from the Port Edwards Fire Chief

As summer arrives in the Village of Port Edwards, the Port Edwards Fire Department would like to remind everyone to enjoy the season safely. Summer brings more time outdoors, family gatherings, cookouts, travel, and fireworks, but it also brings an increased risk for fires, injuries, and medical emergencies.



When grilling, please keep grills away from homes, garages, decks, and anything that can burn. Never leave a grill unattended and make sure ashes or hot coals are completely cooled before disposal. We also encourage residents to check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, especially if you have not done so recently.

Summer heat can also create medical concerns. Drink plenty of water, take breaks in the shade, and check on elderly neighbors, young children, and anyone with medical conditions during hot weather. If you are working outside, watch for signs of heat exhaustion, including dizziness, heavy sweating, weakness, headache, nausea, or confusion.

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, we also want to remind residents to be extremely careful with fireworks. Fireworks can cause serious burns, eye injuries, fires, and unnecessary emergency calls when not handled safely. Please follow all state and local laws, keep children away from fireworks, and never attempt to relight a firework that does not go off. Always have water nearby and use fireworks in a clear, open area away from people, homes, dry grass, and vehicles.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professional display. If you choose to use legal fireworks, please do so responsibly and respectfully for your neighbors, pets, veterans, and those who may be sensitive to loud noises.

On behalf of the Port Edwards Fire Department, I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. We are proud to serve this community and appreciate your continued support.

Dustin Lease

Fire Chief

Port Edwards Fire Department

The Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association

Street Dance is Friday, June 19th. Enjoy good food, drinks and music. There is no admission charge. Please come join the fun!!



Community Calendar Items

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| May | 25 | Village Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday |
| May | 25 | Memorial Day Services at Port Edwards Cemetery, 10:00 a.m. |
| June | 8 | Bulk Pickup |
| June | 10 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| June | 15 | Sprinkling Restrictions go into effect |
| June | 19 | Port Edwards Firefighters Athletic Association Street Dance |
| June | 22 | 20th Annual Blackhawk Scramble, Bullseye Golf Club |
| July | 2&3 | Village Offices Closed for Holiday |
| July | 8 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| July | 13 | Bulk Pickup |
| July | 21 | Port Edwards Lions Community Picnic |
| Aug. | 10 | Bulk Pickup |
| Aug. | 12 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| Sept. | 7 | Village Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday |
| Sept. | 9 | Village Board Meeting, Marshall Buehler Center, 7:00 pm |
| Sept. | 14 | 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.