



Village News: Spring Newsletter

Spring Cleanup May 19th

The Village's semi-annual cleanup is here!

This is a bulk trash pickup service offered to the residents of Edmore. Please take this opportunity to go through your property and get things organized by getting rid of those extra bulk items that you may have.

Granger will begin **picking up at 7:00 a.m. on May 19th** and will only stop once at each residence.

No tags will be required. **Accepted items include:** Household doors and windows, furniture, mattress (**inside of a mattress bag**); and carpeting. Carpeting must be rolled and securely tied in no longer than four (4) foot sections

for it to be collected. No individual item over five (5) feet in length, three (3) feet wide or (3) three feet high or weighing over 100 pounds will be accepted. Windows, glass, and mirrors must be less than 3'x4' in size. Broken glass should be placed in a box, taped shut, and clearly marked, "Broken Glass." All small items must be in bags or cans for collection. Loose piles will be left for the homeowner's disposal.

Unaccepted items include: Auto parts, engines; tires; batteries; lumber, plaster, drywall, paneling, siding, or other building materials; chemicals, pesticides, paints, solvents or other house-

hold hazardous waste; propane tanks/gas tanks; ashes; dead animals; fencing; concrete, dirt, rocks, sod, or stumps; cast iron bathtubs; medical waste; or any other "unacceptable waste." Appliances that contain Freon, which include air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers will also not be accepted, unless the appliance bears a certification sticker indicating that the Freon has been removed by a certified technician.

The Village will be selling mattress bags for your convenience at our offices for \$8.00.

Yard Waste, Chipping, and Compost

As the temperatures, hopefully, rise and everyone starts to get out in their yards to straighten up, please be mindful of the following:

In the Spring the DPW accepts yard waste in yard waste bags only. This includes leaves. Please do not put your leaves out in piles at the road; they will no be picked up.

Brush piles placed in orderly piles no higher than 4 feet will be chipped by the DPW once a week. We ask that bags and brush piles be placed out on Tuesdays by 7:00 AM.

This material is brought to our compost pile located on N. 11th street. Residents are welcome to come retrieve compost for your gardening pro-

jects all day on Tuesdays.

Yard Waste collection has already begun; however, due to the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order chipping will begin the Tuesday following the expiration of the order. Right now we anticipate this being May 4th.



Spring 2020

Elected Village Officials:

- Gloria Burr
President
- Jerry Rasmussen
President Pro Tem
- Bonnie Ashbaugh
Trustee
- Tom Colburn
Trustee
- Chet Guild
Trustee
- Aaron Hadley
Trustee
- John Moore
Trustee

Appointed Village Officials:

- Justin Lakamper
Village Manager
- Tracy Sanchez
Finance Director
- Andy Andersen
DPW Supervisor
- Shirley Drain
Treasurer
- Kerri Peterson
Clerk
- Jason Hunt
DDA Chair
- Chris Miller
Planning Chair

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Social Distancing

We appreciate your understanding for the measures that the Village had to undertake to keep employees and residents safe during these unprecedented times. This included closing the Village offices, limiting in-person DPW services, and the closing down of public spaces. We understand that these things may have caused hardship for some,

but we hope that we were able to keep it to a minimum for most.

Hopefully, as you are reading this the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order has been rescinded and we will have resumed normal operations, and everyone can get back to work. Even as the Village Offices will once again be open to the public and DPW services will resume in full,

we ask that you continue to use the social distancing methods that we have all come to be familiar with when interacting with Village staff. When possible please continue to mail in your payments, utilize the drop box, and call or email with your questions. We look forward to interacting with you all again soon, but hope to do so in a safe manner.

Sheds, Fences, and Permits

Building a shed or a fence is a great way to add storage and privacy to your property. Both of these projects, however, require a zoning permit from the Village. The permit costs \$15, must show the dimensions of the shed or fence and its location on your property, and is valid for one year.

All sheds must be located in the side or rear of the prop-

erty, meet the side lot setbacks for your zoning district, and have a 10 foot minimum setback from the rear property line. If your shed is larger than 200 sqft, then in addition to a Village zoning permit you will be required to obtain a building permit from the Montcalm County Building Department.

All privacy fences in the rear of your property can have a

maximum height of 7 feet and can only sit on the property line with the written consent of your neighbor. A fence in the front of a property must be see through and can only have a maximum height of 5 feet and nothing can be in the right of way.

All specifics regarding zoning requirements can be found at edmore.org.

Fighting Blight

One of the projects that the Village will be prioritizing this Spring/Summer is ordinance enforcement. In particular we will focus on our blight ordinance. Together with the Montcalm County Sheriff’s Department we will be identifying properties and working with the owners to become compliant with the ordinance.

Our blight ordinance reads in part, “Every lot and parcel of land within the Village shall at all times be kept

clean and free from the following: Refuse and household trash, junk, commercial or industrial waste, unfinished excavations, unfinished alteration, construction or demolition of structures, used building materials including, but not limited to: lumber, bricks, concrete or cinderblocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, nails, screws, and other materials.” Additionally, vehi-

cles without current registration may not be kept on the property unless they are properly stored in an enclosed structure, such as a garage.

Keeping the Village free from blight and rubbish is not intended to pester any single individual, but to ensure pleasant and safe living space for all of Edmore’s residents. We appreciate your cooperation with these efforts!

Water Service Survey – Please Fill Out

We need your help!

The Edmore DPW conducts regular testing of the Village’s water at various locations, including in some of your homes. We also conduct cross connection inspections on systems with a higher risk of back flow. Additionally, the State requires that the Village maintain an inventory of the materials used in our water distribution system.

We fulfill these requirements by reviewing records, physically digging things up, and talking with many of you in person. We can streamline a lot of this work if you would take a few minutes to fill out the survey below. The information that we are looking to gather here will help us with these tasks which are intended to help us continue to provide safe drinking water to the Vil-

lage.

If you are able and willing to do so, please return this sheet to the Village Office. The survey can also be filled out online by visiting our website edmore.org and clicking on the “contact us” tab, and then clicking “surveys”. There is no requirement to fill this out, but we would be very grateful if you did. Thank you!



Name (optional) _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

Address _____

What material is the water service line coming into your house? This is the main water line coming into your home from the street. Typically it will come through the wall or floor of your basement or crawlspace, and will be connected to the main water shutoff in your house. (please circle one).

Copper PVC Galvanized Lead Don't know

Has your water service line ever been replaced? Yes No Don't know

Do you use water softener? Yes No Don't know

Do you use a boiler to heat your home? (please circle one) Yes No Don't know

What year was your home built? _____

May we contact you in person or by phone regarding this survey? Yes No

Do you have any comments/questions/concerns for the DPW regarding this or any other matter? _____



Cross Connections: What are they and why does it matter?

A cross connection occurs when your drinking (potable) water piping is connected to a non-potable substance. This could be a bucket full of chemicals, a laundry tub with dirty water, or a drain full of sewage. This typically happens in a home when a garden hose is connected to a faucet on one end and the other end is submerged in the non-potable substance. In such an instance, your clean drinking water system is 'cross connected' with something that is unsafe to consume.

You might be thinking, "why does that matter, water flows out of the pipes?" Normally, that is true; however there are times when backpressure or backsiphonage can occur and cause backflow. When this happens whatever non-potable substance the system is cross connected with will be introduced to the drinking water system.

Backflow is the reversal of the normal flow of water in a system due to backsiphonage or backpressure.

Backsiphonage backflow occurs when a vacuum is induced on a piping system, just like drinking from a glass with a straw. Typical situations that cause backsiphonage backflows include:

- Watermain breaks or repairs occurring in the system that are lower than your faucet
- High water flow rates

exerted on a watermain due to fire fighting, hydrant flushing, large system demands or major piping breaks.

- Booster pumps taking direct suction from potable water supply piping.
- Undersized piping.

Whenever the drinking water supply system is directly connected to another piping system or process that operates at a higher system pressure, backpressure backflow can occur. Typical causes of backpressure backflow include:

- Nonpotable piping systems equipped with pumping equipment (irrigation well interconnected with a potable system, for example)
- Steam or hot water boilers.
- Heat exchangers.

Many common household uses for water pose a public health threat to the potable water supply system whether the home is supplied by municipal water or by a private well. Principal areas of water use in the home that pose a threat due to cross connections are:

- A hose connection to a chemical solution aspirator to feed lawn/shrub herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers.
- Lawn irrigation systems
- Water softeners.

- Hose connections to a water outlet or laundry tub.
- Swimming pools.
- Solar heating systems.
- Private non-potable water supplies.
- Noncode (siphonable) ball cock assemblies in toilets.
- Water operated sump drain devices.

If you believe that any of these cross connection situations exist at your home or business please contact the Edmore DPW. They will be able to advise you on strategies to fix these potential cross connections.

The number one preventative measure that a home owner can take to prevent cross connections is to install an inexpensive vacuum breaker on all hose bibs and laundry tubs. In addition to installing vacuum breakers please be mindful of where you are leaving your connected garden hose.



Upcoming Events and the Farmers Market

The Edmore DDA, the Potato Festival Committee, the Arts Council, and the Village Action Group have worked together to plan community events through the summer.

The season will begin with the opening of the Edmore Farmers Market on **Friday, June 12th** and will continue every Friday through **October 16th** (weather dependent). The market will be open from 9am–2pm and will be held like usual in the Edmore Marketplace parking lot. Come and buy fresh produce from local vendors. If you wish to be a vendor please contact farmers market coordinator, Aaron Hadley, at Edmoremarket@gmail.com.

On **Friday, June 26th** please join us at the farmers market for the DDA coordinated “Family Fun Day”. More details will be released as the event date nears, but there will be games and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.

This summer’s activities will culminate on the weekend of **September 11th–13th** with two festivals, “The Edmore Potato Festival” and the “Edmore Art Festival.”

The Arts Council will host the “Edmore Art Festival” which will feature local artists whose work will be displayed throughout businesses in town. Visitors can then vote

on their favorite pieces and the winning artist will receive a prize.

The “Edmore Potato Festival” will once again be hosted by the Potato Festival Committee on that Friday and Saturday. More details to come.

These events are made possible by donations from local businesses and the tireless work of community volunteers. If you would like to get involved in making these special events possible, please email Edmore DDA Coordinator, Phil Garcia, at edmoredda@edmore.com or by phone at (989) 763-2569



Council and DDA Meeting Schedule

The Village invites you to attend all Council, DDA, and Planning Commission meetings. All council, board, and committee meetings are held at the Curtis Community Building. During meetings all present are welcome to comment and share their valued opinions on the topics being discussed.

While the Council and DDA have a regular meeting schedule, which you will find here, the Planning Commission meets a minimum of four times a year as needed.

During the Pandemic we have moved to holding meetings online with the program ZOOM. This is a

great way for people to view and participate in Village meetings from their own homes. Should the need for this continue, you can find a link to “attend” each virtual meeting on our website.

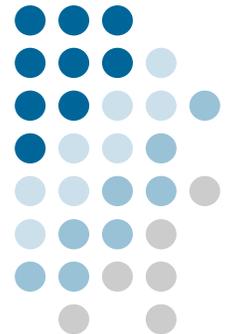
Village Council Meeting Schedule

- May 11, 2020 @ 7:00PM
- June 8, 2020 @ 7:00PM
- July 13, 2020 @ 7:00PM
- August 10, 2020 @ 7:00PM

- September 14, 2020 @ 7:00PM
- October 12, 2020 @ 7:00PM
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DDA Meeting Schedule

- May 20, 2020 @ Noon
- June 17, 2020 @ 6:00PM
- July 2020—No Meeting
- August 19, 2020 @ Noon
- September 2020 TBD
- October 2020—TBD





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Manager's Note

The past few months have been life altering and difficult for some, and an inconvenience for others. Whether you have lost your job, lost a loved one, had a crash course in home-schooling, or are simply bored, we have all had our lives affected in one way or another by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are aware of the challenges that some might be facing and have made a few changes to our water policy, including extending due dates and sus-

pending water shutoffs to address this. There will without a doubt be a lasting economic impact from all of this, but I encourage everyone to continue to be strong, empathize, and reach out and help your neighbors. Edmore is full of resilient individuals who will help us to recover and prosper.

As we move on from this pandemic, the Village will be dedicated to supporting our residents and businesses where appropriate to ensure that life returns

to normal as quickly as possible.

The Village will continue to prioritize supporting orderly development and growth, as we have over the last several months, which will result in a new retail store opening downtown.

I look forward to having a successful and safe summer with all of you. As always please feel free to contact me anytime with thoughts and concerns, or, just to say hello.

Sincerely, Justin

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