



# Village News: Spring Newsletter

## Spring Cleanup Saturday May 8th

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 Saturday May 8th** and will only stop once at each residence. **Each residence is allowed to dispose of 9 cubic yards of waste.** No tags will be required.

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Furniture
- Appliances—If appliances once contained Freon, they must be certified that Freon was properly removed.
- Scrap metal
- Lumber and other long materials cut into lengths of 4' or less
- Small amounts of remodeling waste
- Carpet (dry) - no longer than 4 feet and no more than 12 inches in diameter
- Motorized equipment (snowblowers, lawn mow-

ers, etc) gasoline, oil, and any other liquids must be removed

- Discarded general household items (clothes, toys, bicycles, etc)
- Latex paint must be solidified
- Televisions
- Tires cut in half

### MATERIAL MUST BE PREPARED PROPERLY:

- All loose material must be in containers. No shoveling of pickup beds allowed
  - Material must be of appropriate size to fit inside the hopper of a garbage truck
  - All liquids must be removed.
  - All containers (pails, drums, etc.) must be unsealed and open for inspection.
  - All material must be loaded by hand, no commercial or dumping trailers allowed.
- ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:
- Yard waste
  - Liquids of any kind
  - Oil based paint, stain varnish
  - Appliances containing

Freon

- Concrete or other masonry materials
- Dirt, rocks, and ash
- Tires on rims or whole tires
- Lead acid automotive batteries
- Any liquid or hazardous material
- Any container with a hazardous waste label
- Fluorescent light fixtures
- Flammable or explosive material such as ammunition and firearms
- Propane tanks and compressed gas cylinders
- Sharps and needles, unless packaged in sharps container
- Medical waste
- Commercial construction, demolition or roofing material
- Asbestos
- Animal carcasses
- Ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic materials
- Commercial waste
- Lithium-ion batteries
- Sewage and septic waste

### Spring 2021

#### Elected Village Officials:

- Gloria Burr  
*President*
- Jerry Rasmussen  
*President Pro Tem*
- Tom Colburn  
*Trustee*
- Carla Green  
*Trustee*
- Ron Griswold  
*Trustee*
- Chet Guild  
*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*
- Matt Jordan  
*DDA Chair*
- Chris Miller  
*Planning Chair*

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## Yard Waste, Chipping, and Compost

As the temperatures, hopefully, remain warm and everyone starts to get out in their yards to straighten up, please be mindful of the following as we have updated our brush chipping policy:

The DPW accepts yard waste, which includes leaves, in paper yard waste bags only. Yard waste bags will be collected **weekly on Tuesdays**. Please do not put your leaves out in piles at the road; they will not be picked up. Leaf pile pickup only occurs in the fall.

**Brush chipping will take place once a month on the**

**first Tuesday of each month**, from now until November. All brush piles must be one branch length deep, not to exceed 10 feet, and all branches must be 8 inches or less in diameter. The pile can not be taller than 4 feet and cannot exceed 25 feet in length. Small branches which are less than a 1/4 of an inch in diameter must be bundled with twine.

We ask that all yard waste-bags and brush piles be placed out by 7:00 AM on the day of pickup. If your bags or piles are placed out after the DPW has been down your

street, they will not come back.

This material is brought to our compost pile located on N. 11th street. Residents are welcome to come retrieve compost for your gardening projects all day on Tuesdays.



## Extra Trash and Bulk Trash Pickup Throughout the Year

At the beginning of this year the Village put our waste hauling contract out for bids. Our current hauler, Granger, was the lowest bidder and therefore was selected to continue Edmore's trash removal for another 3 years. Nothing will change about your current service. Each single and two family residence can put out one Village provided trash

cart, and up to 3 additional trash bags with Village tags on them, each week. Village trash tags are available at the Village offices for 1 dollar.

Should you regularly have more trash you are now able to purchase an additional cart per household directly with Granger. You will be responsible for the monthly cost of the second cart at the same

monthly rate as the Village pays. Additionally, if you have bulk items (couches, dressers, appliances, etc.) you can schedule to have them picked up along with your regular trash for a fee. These extra services will need to be setup and paid for directly with Granger. To do so please call their customer service line at 517-372-2800.

## Ordinance Reminders

At the beginning of Spring we regularly receive inquiries about different ordinance requirements. All of our ordinances are available in one indexed document at [edmore.org](http://edmore.org). In the meantime here are a few reminders to follow:

**Burning/Fire Pits:** Burning of leaves, debris, garbage, etc is prohibited. Wood and propane firepits are allowed so

long as the pit is not larger than 4 feet in diameter, the flame in the fire pit does not exceed 3 feet in height, and the pit is not located any closer than 20 feet from a building or property lines.

**Noise:** Between the hours of 11pm and 7am it is not allowed to make noise that is audible to someone standing fifty feet away. Additionally, excessive dog barking, oper-

ating a vehicle without a muffler, or blaring music excessively is not allowed at any time.

**Disabled Vehicles:** All vehicles that are not located in a garage must be operable, plated, and registered. It is prohibited to have any vehicle in a major state of disrepair unless it is located within a building.

## Lead and Copper Rule and What it Means for the Village



The Village regularly tests a sample set of homes for lead and numerous other chemicals in the water system to ensure safe and quality drinking water for the residents of Edmore. We follow all testing schedules and requirements given to us from the State of Michigan's environmental agency, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). We do not have any test sites that exceed EGLE mandated "action levels" for any substance, including lead. If a test site exceeds an action level, those affected by it will be immediately informed and repairs will be made. The Village water testing always exceeds all standards, and test results can be reviewed by anyone at anytime at the Village offices and are mailed out yearly to every residence in the Consumer Confidence Report.



Lead is most commonly found in water systems in the form of lead whips that were sometimes used back when many systems were first being installed. Lead is a soft metal that can be bent to make a flexible connection between the ridged watermain and the water service line. This flexible connection is commonly known as a "whip". The use of lead in water systems was officially banned in Michigan in 1989, even though it had generally not been used for decades.

The reality is that many water systems across the country contain some form of lead material in them, which is why we have rules in place to test for the presence of lead in our system. This is also the rea-

son why EGLE made changes to Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act called the Lead and Copper Rule, or LCR for short in 2018. The LCR made testing more stringent and lowered the "action levels" for allowable levels of lead in water from 15 parts per billion to 12 parts per billion. The LCR also created the requirement that every municipal water system in the State must remove all lead materials from all water systems by 2040. This includes affected water service lines that are located on private property. These new rules are great for ensuring that everyone in the State has quality and safe drinking water. This does however mean that the Village faces a large ongoing project to find and remove any and all lead materials in our water system over the next 19 years.

The first step in this process is for the Village to identify and verify the location and material type of every pipe in the water system. By 2025 the Village must provide the State with full documentation of all these materials and their location. If any lead is found during this process we must remove it at a rate of 5% per year and test the water in all of these known locations until it is removed. In order to accomplish this some portions of the system will first need to be dug up to physically verify the material type, while other portions can be verified through existing documentation. We have already been working on this process for the past two years, and we will be ramping up our digging activities over the

next two years. Should your property be affected, you will be notified directly and any costs associated with verification or replacement will be covered by the Village.

Please understand the water system in Edmore is safe and that the Village is committed to ensuring that it always will be. These system upgrades and changes to EGLE requirements are the result of a State mandate for every municipality and are not the result of the state of our water system or any actions taken by the Village in the past. This is an issue that every municipality is currently facing.

Unfortunately, maintaining and upgrading miles of underground infrastructure is a costly endeavor and these upgrades will require real investment from the Village. Fortunately, the Village has been working hard to maintain healthy finances which will position us well to take advantage of grants and other financial instruments to face this challenge.

If you have any questions regarding the LCR or water testing standards in general you can visit [Michigan.gov/egle](http://Michigan.gov/egle) and click on the "water" tab. If you would like more information on what all this means for you as a resident of Edmore please do not hesitate to reach out to the village manager's office at (989) 427-5641, or via email at [villagemanager@edmore.com](mailto:villagemanager@edmore.com). If you would like to speak in person, please give us a call to let us know when you will be coming by as we are still operating the office under appointment only.

## DPW Needs Your Assistance

As was discussed in the article on page 3 the first step in our compliance with the State of Michigan’s Lead and Copper Rule will be to verify the materials used in our water system. For the purposes of this rule, the portion of your water service line that is located on your private property must also be verified.

Having this information will allow us to exclude some service lines from further investi-

gation, or verify that we need to continue to investigate the materials in your service line and possibly replace it. This will also satisfy a physical verification requirement for the State when we certify the materials in the system in 2025.

Therefore, we are asking you to allow a representative of the DPW to come into your home and inspect and document your water service line.

They will begin inspections this Spring and continue until they are finished. There is no requirement for you to allow the DPW to do this but it will go a long way in helping us to compete this large project.

If a member of the Edmore DPW is at your door asking to come and look at your water service, please consider letting them in.

## www.edmore.com

You may have noticed that the Village’s email addresses end in .com and our website ends in .org. You also may have noticed that recently the Village’s website has not been displaying all dropdown menus properly. To solve both of these problems we have secured edmore.com and have hired a

company to redesign the Village website so that it functions properly again. Once the new website is ready, it will launch with the new url www.edmore.com. We are expecting the new site to be live in early June.

The redesigned site will be easier to navigate, will be

more aesthetically pleasing, and will provide the community with more informational updates. If you ever have any questions about meetings, minutes, community events, ordinances, and many more, please visit the new edmore.com.



Solve the Sudoku Puzzle to the right by filling out Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

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## Upcoming Events: Farmers Market—Music at the Park

The Potato Festival Committee, the Arts Council, and the Edmore DDA have worked together to provide community events this summer.

The season will begin with Music at the Park which was previously known as Music at the Pond and will now be located at Curtis Park. On the following dates from 6:30–8:00 pm local bands will perform for free for the community: May 23rd, June 25th, July 25th, August 22nd, and September 19th.

The Edmore Farmers Market will begin on Friday, June 11th and will continue every Friday through October 15th

(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](mailto:Edmoremarket@gmail.com).

August 13-28th the Edmore Arts Council will hold their second annual Art Extravaganza at the Bag Factory. The Art Extravaganza will feature local artists whose work will be displayed for the visitors, who can then vote on their favorite pieces and the winning artist will receive a prize.

This year the Potato Festival will return! It is scheduled for the weekend of September 17th–19th.

The “Edmore Potato Festival” will once again be hosted by the Potato Festival Committee. More details to come.

Dedicated volunteers make these events happen. If you would like to contribute your time or monetarily, please reach out to the Potato Festival Committee on Facebook or the DDA at [edmoredda@edmore.com](mailto:edmoredda@edmore.com)



## 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.

We have returned to in person meetings so all are welcome to attend meetings at the Curtis Building, but we

will be continuing to broadcast our meetings live via ZOOM for all those who may not wish to attend in person just yet.

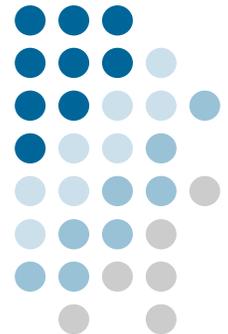
### Village Council Meeting Schedule

- May 10, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- June 14, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- July 12, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- August 09, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- September 13, 2021 @ 7:00PM

- October 11, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- November 08, 2021 @ 7:00PM
- December 13, 2021 @ 7:00PM

### DDA Meeting Schedule

- April 28, 2021 @ Noon
- June 23, 2021 @ Noon
- August 25, 2021 @ Noon
- October 20, 2021 @ Noon
- December 15, 2021 @ Noon





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## Manager's Note

I would like to thank the Mid Michigan District Health Department and Central Michigan University for making it possible for the Village to hold a mobile vaccine clinic in the parking lot of the Curtis building, which provided 80 residents of Edmore with the Covid Vaccine at a time when it was not as readily available. This may not seem like a large number but we estimate that around 25% of Edmore's residents 65 and older were able to get the vaccine on

those two days.

I would also like to thank the community for their patience with the offices being open by appointment only. I can understand that this can be frustrating for some, but with an office staff of 2, and a DPW staff of 3, any cases would most likely lead to us being forced to close. Therefore, what might seem like an excessive precaution to some is just to ensure that we can continue to be here to work for the Village. Just be-

cause the doors are closed does not mean that we are not here or available to you.

As we say goodbye to Winter I am looking forward to the Spring and Summer. I am looking forward to warming temperatures and seeing people on the Heartland Trail. I am looking forward to seeing people at the farmers market and families in the park. I also hope to be able to see all of you soon in the office.

Sincerely, Justin

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