



Village News: Spring Newsletter

Spring Cleanup Saturday, April 20th

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, April 20th and will only stop once at each residence. Each residence is allowed to dispose of 9 cubic yards of waste. No tags or mattress bags are required.



Granger Waste Services

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 mowers, etc.) gasoline,

- oil, and any other liquids must be removed
- Discarded general household items (clothes, toys, bicycles, etc.)
- Latex paint must be solidified and lid off
- Televisions

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.
- Granger Associates will assist in loading, following accepted safety guidelines.
- 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
- 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 unless valve is removed
- Sharps and needles, unless packaged in sharps container
- Medical waste
- Construction, demolition or roofing material
- Asbestos
- Animal carcasses
- Ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic materials
- Commercial waste
- Lithium-ion batteries
- Sewage and septic waste
- Hot tubs, pool tables, pianos, gun safes
- Furniture with an infestation

Spring 2024

Elected Village Officials:

- Gloria Burr *President*
- Tom Colburn *President Pro Tem*
- Ron Griswold *Trustee*
- Chet Guild *Trustee*
- Carla McParland *Trustee*
- John Moore *Trustee*
- Cristina Pierce *Trustee*

Appointed Village Officials:

- Mark Borden *Village Manager*
- Tracy Sanchez *Finance Director*
- Andy Andersen *DPW Supervisor*
- Shirley Drain *Treasurer*
- Kerri Peterson *Clerk*
- Chris Miller *Planning Chair*
- Matt Jordan *DDA Chair*

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Council Meeting Schedule

The Village invites you to attend all Council meetings. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Curtis Community Building located at 209 S. Sheldon St.

The Village Council meets the second Monday of every month and the meetings begin at 7:00pm.

During meetings, all present are welcome to comment and share their valued opinions on the topics being discussed.

Village Council Schedule

- April 08, 2024
- May 13, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 08, 2024
- August 12, 2024
- September 09, 2024

Curtis Park Upgrades

The Glenn Curtis Foundation continues to generously provide funding to purchase new equipment for the Curtis Park. Last year our DPW installed a tire swing, and a generational swing, in addition to adding fall protection around existing structures. The generational swing is one that allows both a child and parent to swing together.

As you know, the park upgrades are not only for the kids, but for the adults as well. We have installed two workout stations along the walking path. Both will provide a body weight workout for those residents looking to incorporate a new stop in their fitness routines!

New this spring - our village staff will be installing a new teeter-totter. **Thank you Glenn Curtis Foundation!**



Yard Waste, Chipping, and Compost



Bill Barber (CC BY-NC 2.0)

While cleaning up your yard this spring please be mindful of the following procedures for disposing of yard waste.

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 wastebags 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.

Nita Curtis Foundation College Scholarships

If you are a graduate from Montabella Highschool and are entering your junior or senior year of college in the fall be sure to take advantage of the Nita Curtis Foundation's merit base college scholarship! Each year the Nita Curtis Foundation awards scholarships to college juniors and seniors who graduated from Montabella Highschool with a current, cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher and who maintain a full course load of 12 credit hours. Half of the scholarship is dispersed before the fall semester and the other half before the spring semester. Pick up your application today from the village office or download it from edmore.com. **Applications are due by June 30th.**

Spring Events at the Home Township Library

The Home Township Library will be having a large book sale April 9-20. They will also be hosting an Art Show, with prizes, for ages 3 and up, April 16-27.

The library is having a garden seed packet giveaway, 3 free seed packets per visit, which includes vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs. This is going on now.

Also, please know that the library offers a valuable service to our community by providing free Covid-19 test kits.

For more information, please call 989.427.5241 or check out the library's website at www.edmore.llcoop.org

Utility Rate Increase

The combined rate for water and sewer services has increased 3% from \$63.72 per month to \$65.63 per month. Your new quarterly bill will be \$196.89. Previously, the quarterly rate was \$191.16.

This is a necessary increase to keep up with the increased cost of goods and services. The monthly increase is only \$1.91.

The Village of Edmore has consistently kept rate increases at a minimum over the years even as our costs to maintain our aging water and sewer lines have increased. The rates for water and sewer service here in Edmore are less than half of what some communities charge. Edmore has not had a rate increase since 2020.

As part of our state mandated project to inspect the materials used for the water lines servicing our residential homes and businesses, the village will be conducting a water rate study. This study will be performed by an outside agency and will be wholly funded by government grants.

The village mails out statements every three months rather than every month. However, you do have the option of paying monthly rather than quarterly even though you don't get a statement every month. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at the village office, 989.427.5641.

EDMORE POTATO FESTIVAL

Third Weekend in September (20th - 22nd)

Information can be found on the Potato Festival Facebook page and in the Fall Newsletter

A Big Shout Out to Point Broadband

Point Broadband, formerly Casair of Stanton, is our local internet provider. Point Broadband has graciously donated a stand-by generator and a small building to the village for us to use at our water tower. The generator is no longer needed by Point Broadband since they do not have communication equipment on our water tower. While they could have removed the generator and the building to use at a new location, they graciously decided to donate the equipment to the Village of Edmore.

Having a generator in place at our water tower during power outages will allow the water tower controls to communicate with the controls for the three wells in town ensuring a safe level of water in the tower for daily use and for fire protection. Previously, our DPW crew had to move a portable generator to power the controls during power outages.

THANK YOU POINT BROADBAND!

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Growing Edmore Together

Spring INTO Summer

DOWNTOWN EDMORE
MAY 11, 2024 FROM 10AM - 3PM

Local business sidewalk sales, artisan & vendor market & food truck
Details on Facebook @growingedmoretogether

First Fridays 2024
Save the Dates

June 7, July 5 & August 2 | 6pm - 8pm
Family entertainment, food & community

Corner of M46 & 4th Street
Downtown Edmore
More details to come - follow us on Facebook

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Manager's Note

Code Enforcement - The village is continuing its efforts to rid the village of blight. Please take advantage of our spring cleanup day to remove junk and trash from your property. If you receive a letter or a door tag notifying you of a blight violation, do not ignore it. If the violation is not addressed by the occupant(s) of the property, the village can issue a citation for the violation. The citation is a \$100 fine plus \$260 in court costs bringing your total due to \$360, payable to the court. Several residents have already received citations.

Our goal is for voluntary compliance rather than code enforcement through citations. Even if you receive a citation and pay the fine, if you do not remove the blight, you are subject to receiving another citation. Several residents responded to letters they received by removing trash and junk or by removing unlicensed vehicles stored on their property. Thank you to all that complied with their violation notice.

Dogs - We have had several complaints of dogs running loose in the village. Per our ordinance, a dog is considered at large if the dog is off the real property of the owner and not under effective physical restraint by its owner.

Dogs must be restrained or confined to your property by means of a fence, barrier, tether or chain which does not allow the dog to get within five feet of a sidewalk, alley or property line.

If your dog is not on your property it must be effectively secured by a leash or a lead which is directly and physically controlled by the owner, and not longer than 12 feet in length.

All of our ordinances can be found at www.edmore.org

Please call the village office at 989.427.5641 if you have any questions or email the manager at villagemanager@edmore.com

Thank you, Mark Borden

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