



# EDMORE VILLAGE NEWS

## Don't Forget to Get Your Permit

Get all the permit information you need before starting your next home or business project. The Village of Edmore staff can answer your questions about the building, zoning and permitting process and guide you through the details so that your home or business not only looks great when you are done with your project but can be done right. Zoning permits can be obtained through the village office or online. Building permits can be obtained through the Montcalm Building Department. Because your home or business is an investment if your construction project does not comply with Village codes, the value of your investment is reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to make costly repairs. Also, by following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners. If you are hiring an outside contractor for your next home project, please make sure whoever you hire is licensed and insured.

If you are planning to do work such as landscaping or excavating please contact MISS DIG at least 3 business days prior to conducting excavation on your property. Contact MISS DIG at 1-800-482-7171 or 8-1-1 MISS DIG will notify the public utilities in your area so that they can locate and mark the approximate location of underground lines they own and operate within your proposed work area.

## Keep Pet Waste Out of Village Waterways

Cleaning up after pets is a helpful way to protect the waterways and storm sewers that run through the Village. Pet waste can have a long journey while it impacts a variety of plants, animals, ecosystems and even people. Pet waste left in yards, sidewalks and streets contain numerous pollutants such as nutrients for bacteria and disease. Please discard pet waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and disposing it in the garbage. Please do your part to keep Edmore beautiful all year long.



**Did you know?** Nearly two decades ago, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified pet waste as a dangerous pollutant in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil.

### Elected Village Officials

Chet Guild, President  
Chuck Burr, Pro-Tem  
Eddie Adams, Trustee  
Bonnie Ashbaugh, Trustee  
Karen Deja, Trustee  
Jerry Rasmussen, Trustee  
Art Schuitema, Trustee

### Appointed Village Officials

Neil Rankin, Village Manager  
Tracy Clark, Finance Director  
James Nessen, DPW Supervisor  
Luke Sawyer, Police Chief  
Gloria Burr, Clerk  
Elaine Leak, Treasurer  
Jack Miller, DDA Chair  
Rich Adgate, Planning Chair

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# Police Chief's Corner

## Crime Prevention Safety Tips

With the arrival of Spring people will be out and about in the village but not everyone has the same intention of enjoying the warm weather. Review the following crime prevention safety tips in order to familiarize yourself in ways to help prevent crimes of opportunity.

- Always lock doors and windows before leaving the house. Always lock deadbolt locks.
- If you have an attached garage, be sure to lock the inside door between your garage and house. If you have a detached garage, keep it secured.
- Lock your car doors while at home, even if cars are stored inside your garage or parked in the driveway.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Remove valuables from vehicles.
- Install secure window well covers.
- If you have double-hung or sliding windows or doors, place a wooden rod or stick in the track.
- Use timers for your lights if you come home after dark.
- If you are going on vacation, be sure to stop mail service and cancel newspapers so they don't pile up in front of your home while you are away.
- Be on the lookout and report suspicious vehicles that look out of place.

Remember, burglars can be male or female, young or old, and driving any type of vehicle. The Village of Edmore remains a very safe community, and we all must work together to keep it that way. Call 911 immediately with details, descriptions and plate numbers if you see:

- Any suspicious vehicles driving slowly or repetitively through your neighborhood.
- Observe someone at a neighbor's front door, then see them walking to the side or rear of the house.
- Someone rings your doorbell "by mistake." Burglars never just break in - they always ring the bell to see if anyone is home.

**Want to stay informed? Sign up for Nixle visit [www.edmore.org](http://www.edmore.org) or at [www.facebook.com/EdmorePoliceDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/EdmorePoliceDepartment).. It's Easy...It's Free..**

### Did you know?

- *2,000,000 home burglaries are reported each year in the United States.*
- *About 30 percent of all burglaries are through an open or unlocked window or door.*

## Code Enforcement

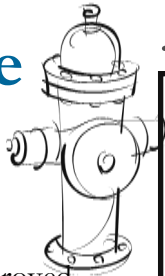
Code Enforcement officers would like to remind businesses and homeowners that there are currently three updated & amended ordinances that will be put into effect starting this Spring. Code Enforcement Officers will be enforcing ordinances and addressing illegal fires, blight and dangerous buildings. These ordinances look to make Edmore a safe and healthy community for you and your family. If you have any questions or concerns about these ordinances they are available at [www.edmore.org](http://www.edmore.org). Copies can be made available at the Village Office or contacting the village police department.

## Youth Police Academy

The Edmore Police Department is excited to be hosting a Youth Police Academy this summer. This will be a 3 day academy with 2 sessions in July (3-days in length from 8AM - 12PM) The first session will be July 14-16 and a second session will be July 28-30. These sessions are for 8-14 year old kids and young adults who would like to learn more about police work. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about law-enforcement skills such as basic first aid, firearm safety, report writing, officer safety and solving a crime. The cost is only \$15 and each participant will receive a t-shirt. You can find more information at [www.edmore.org](http://www.edmore.org) or simply send an e-mail to [police@edmore.com](mailto:police@edmore.com) and request an application. Don't forget to visit and LIKE our Facebook page -- Village of Edmore Police Department

**Edmore Police Dept. Non Emergency  
989,427.3600  
Dispatch Non Emergency  
989.831.5253  
Emergency 911**

# Water Rate Increases Approved



The Village Council approved increases of the village water rate at the April 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting. New rates will take effect May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be reflected on the July water bill. The rates are being increased 6% (plus Consumer Price Index) to cover improvements to be undertaken over the next few years to reduce long term operating costs, ensure quality and reliability. Water funds are considered to be “enterprise funds” in that the costs of operations, maintenance, and capital expenditures for water infrastructure must be paid by users and not through property taxes. For residential users the rate increase amounts to \$3.62 a quarter or \$14.48 per year. For commercial users the rate increase will be 6% + (CPI) and based on usage. The Village of Edmore currently has the lowest rates in the region and is one of only a few communities in the state that does not meter water residentially. The Village of Edmore DPW will continue to take steps to ensure it has clean, reliable water for its residents and users in the years to come.

**Water Confidence Reports will be available at the Village Office in late July - Early August.**

### ***Did you know?***

**The average amount of water used by 1 person in the U.S. per day is 100 gallons. 70 % of it is used indoors.**

# EDMORE DPW NEWS



## **HYDRANT FLUSHING TO START MAY 26**

Starting May 26 through June 6 the DPW will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the village. To reduce the demand on the water system and cause fewer disturbance this routine maintenance will be completed between 10pm-6am.

**May 13 will be Spring Clean-up in the Village. Please remember ALL bags MUST be tagged. No tires, construction debris, chemicals etc. are accepted.**

**Chip sealing of village streets will be completed this summer on Gilson Street between First and Sheldon. There is no tentative start date as of yet. More information will be made available online.**

**DPW will be filling potholes as they form. If you see a pothole that needs to be filled. Please contact the DPW @ 427-3747**

**DPW personnel will be highly visible this season wearing neon green shirts with the Edmore Logo.**

**Yard Waste is collected for free each Tuesday of the month and brush collection/chipper service is provided the 2nd Tuesday of the Month to all single family residential properties April through November. Yard waste must be in a yard waste bags that are available at the Village Offices for only \$50. Trash bags and tags are available for \$1.00.**

**To ensure the safety of DPW employees, equipment and efficiency in offering this service the DPW Supervisor suggests following these guidelines:**

- ⇒ Brush shall be placed in the front yard at the edge of the public street with ends sticking out.
- ⇒ No limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will be accepted.
- ⇒ Piles of brush should be stacked neat and orderly and under four feet in height.
- ⇒ No vines or loose leaves will be accepted, lawn bag are available for purchase at the village office.
- ⇒ Brush intertwined with plastics will not be accepted.
- ⇒ No metal or wire (fencing, electrical cable, root balls, etc) will be accepted.
- ⇒ No lot clearing debris or whole tree or that from a byproduct of commercial cutting/trimming will be accepted.
- ⇒ Leaf season starts October to early December. During this period please place your leaves at the curb.
- ⇒ Limit the weight of bags to less than 50 lbs.
- ⇒ Place by the curb by 7:30am.



# Edmore Farmers Market

The Edmore Farmers Market is held every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Lewis and Pine Streets at the Edmore Marketplace. The Farmers Market will start this season on **June 6** and will run through October. Stop by and check out all the local produce, baked goods, herbs, crafts, flowers and regional goods. Bridge Cards are welcomed!

For vendor or visitor information contact the Market's Manager at [market@edmore.com](mailto:market@edmore.com) or visit [www.Edmore.org](http://www.Edmore.org) for a Vendor packet 2014. Find our market also on Facebook!

This year the Farmers Market will be hosting several special events; more details at [www.edmore.org](http://www.edmore.org)

**June 28th – Antique Show and Quilt Auction**

**September 13th – Spice up Edmore**

**August 23rd – Potato Festival and Antique show**

**October 14th – Pumpkinfest**

**Do you know?** Michigan is one of our country's most agriculturally diverse states, second only to California in the number of crops we produce.

## Recycling and Hazardous Waste

**Recycling Bins at the Sunrise Development are available 24-7 year-round**

**Will accept: cardboard, boxboard, paper, aluminum cans, glass, and most plastics.**

### Electronics Recycling Trailer

**August 26th-September 18, 2014**

**Located at the Sunrise Development**

#### Will accept:

Office & Household Electronics

(cell phones, radios, microwaves, VCRs, TV's etc.)

Computer Components & Accessories

(laptops, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, speakers, power cords, etc.)

Almost anything with a cord or battery will be accepted.

**Comprenew will wipe or destroy all computer hard drives.**

\*No big box appliances, air conditioners or Refrigerators

### Montcalm County Household Hazardous Waste

**June 21, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Howard City Municipal Building, 125 E. Shaw Street, Howard City**

For more information, please contact Montcalm County Controller's Office at (989) 831-7300 or visit [www.montcalm.org](http://www.montcalm.org)



#### Will accept:

Automotive Products

Indoor Pesticides

Cleaning Products

Lawn and Garden Products

Paint Supplies

Flammable Products

Barrels and large drums

Medical Waste (properly sealed)

Electronics

Tires (\$1.00 per passenger tire, limit 12)

Computers

**From the Village President-**



The newspaper headlines after the last Council meeting were misleading. The committee is certainly not against new playground equipment in the park. The committee had requested six weeks ago that an architect be contacted to review and draw up plans for new bathrooms. The bathrooms are about fifty years old and need to be replaced badly. The committee felt that new bathrooms were most important at this time. The Village Council has always replaced or repaired playground equipment in the park, but the restrooms have deteriorated. It is my hope that both goals can be met to create a safe and fun place for our children.

**Memo from the Village Manager:**

With Spring finally here and a brutal winter of snow and icy roads behind us I am excited to be moving forward on a number of projects and events that are happening this year in Edmore. Although I have only been on the job for less than 9 months I have experienced the energy that so many residents, volunteers, officials and groups in the village all seem to share. Whether it's the Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Village Council or village resident each brings a voice that adds to the bigger picture and this is critical to the Village's long-term success. Although issues, causes and concerns will vary and sometimes divide us, it is at the end of the day we hope to find consensus to make Edmore an exceptional place to live, work and play. Please know that my office is open and I will strive to integrate your voice into the business of the village and work to coordinate your energy into a plan of action whenever possible. So please feel free to stop by, say hello on the street, send an email, attend a meeting or even run for office. I just know whatever you decide will be a beneficial way to feel the energy that is Edmore!

Neil Rankin  
neil@edmore.com

## Village Calendar & Happenings

**Village Offices Closed**

**Music by the Pond @ 6:30pm\***

**Memorial Day May 26**

**"The Retros and Ruby John" May 25**

**Fourth of July**

**"Strictly Country" June 29**

**Labor Day September 1**

**"Gravel Ridge Band" July 27**

**"Ionia-Maple Valley Community Band" August 24**

**\*Please bring you own chair or blanket. In case of rain all show will be moved to the Curtis Community Building.**

# Postcards from Edmore's Past



**Edmore Pere Marquette Depot**

The depot served as the junction of the north-south line and the east-west line. It was located in the lawn east of where Railroad Street curves to the south, on the southeast side of the rail junction. There were two wye tracks to allow interchange between the lines. Today, this railroad grade that goes from Greenville through Edmore then east to Alma is the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail. To learn more about Edmore's history visit the Pine River Historical Museum, 402 E. Home Street. The museum opens for the season on May 3, or visit online <https://www.facebook.com/PineForestHistoricalMuseum>

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## Meetings

Village Council Meetings are held at the Curtis Community Building each second Monday of the Month at 7pm.

All other meetings are posted outside of the Village Offices at the Curtis Community Building and online at [www.edmore.org](http://www.edmore.org).

The Village of Edmore will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as hand signers for the hearing impaired, audio recordings of printed material being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting (and/or hearing) upon 3 working days notice to the Village of Edmore.

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