

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Part-Time Seasonal Workers—The Village of Edgar is accepting applications for two part-time seasonal workers to assist the Village in the Street, Wastewater, Parks and Water Departments or where needed. Applicants must be 18 years of age to apply and be able to lift and carry 50 lbs. Applications are available on line or at the Village Hall Office. Application deadline is May 1, 2016.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Problem - New recommendations are suggesting that it is more affordable for municipalities and residents to chemically treat ash trees, protecting them from EAB and allowing them to live a normal lifespan. This would keep the Village's annual tree removal costs versus chemical treatment costs equal. Protecting the ash trees from EAB will not save money on maintenance, it will preserve the canopy cover that helps keep the Village cool and reduce energy costs. Keeping the ash trees healthy will also provide oxygen and reduce a carbon dioxide and other air pollution. Residents can go to www.goldensandsrctd.org to find out what can be done to protect ash trees in your yard.



Open Burn Permits and campfires ..

After a day of spring cleaning, the appeal of a back yard camp fire is relaxing for family and friends. Please be neighborly by watching where your smoke goes. Burn only clean wood. The Village prohibits burning trash, construction material, plywood, cardboard or green wood. Wood should be less than 20" in diameter and NEVER leave the fire unattended. A water hose, fire extinguisher or sand should be near for an emergency and extinguish the fire completely before leaving the area. Enjoy a fun evening with hot dogs to S'mores roasting over the fire but be safe around the fire.

Need a color or black/white copy ?

Need to fax something?

The Village Office has the capability.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

- ◆ Spring Election April 5
- ◆ National Library Week April 10-18
- ◆ Edgar Village Board Meeting April 11
- ◆ Flushing Hydrants April 11-15
- ◆ Tornado/Severe Weather Awareness April 11-14
- ◆ Spring Clean Up America April 23
- ◆ Arbor Day April 29
- ◆ Mother's Day May 8
- ◆ Edgar Village Board Meeting May 9
- ◆ Edgar Annual Garage Sales May 19-21
- ◆ Open Book / Board of Review June 1
- ◆ Edgar VFD Carnival June 3-5
- ◆ Edgar Village Board Meeting June 13
- ◆ Read water meters June 14-17

LIBRARY NEWS !

- National Library Week April 10-18**
- ⇒ Inside the Lines Adult Coloring Program April 11 @ 6 pm
 - ⇒ Medicinal Herbs April 13 @ 6 pm
- Family Fun Date:**
- ⇒ Get Money Smart April 18 @ 6 pm
- Other:**
- ⇒ Zentangled May 9
- Summer Library Program:**
- ⇒ Soda Pups June 15
 - ⇒ Mead Wildlife June 22
 - ⇒ Tom Pease June 29
- REMEMBER to register your child for the "1,000 Books for Kindergarten" Program**

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Village of Edgar

Spring 2016

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VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS
8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

EVENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE !!!

Spring Election - Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7 am until 8 pm

REMEMBER to bring your photo ID. First time votes must register either online at myvote.wi.gov or in person at the Village Hall or on Election Day.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week - April 11 - 15, 2016

Governor Walker has declared this week as Wisconsin's Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week. Wisconsin Emergency Management, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association have once again teamed up to sponsor two statewide tornado drills scheduled for Thursday, April 14 at 1 pm Mock Tornado Watch and 1:45 pm Mock Tornado Warning. Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually. In 2015, 17 tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin by the NWS. The peak tornado season is from May to August.

Spring Clean up America Recyclers - Saturday, April 23, 2016 8 until Noon

Will be held at the VILLAGE YARD gate on Thomas Hill Road. See flyer on the Village web site or enclosed in the utility bill envelope for additional details.



ARBOR DAY—Friday, April 29, 2016 Did you know that in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday is called "Arbor Day" and is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Watch for the proclamation to be issued by Allan Huebsch, President, urging all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and to support the Village's community forestry program. It will be posted on our web site once signed.

Edgar Annual Garage Sales - May 19, 20 and 21, 2016 Get your location put on the garage sales map by contacting Sandy at Berg Sales (715-352-2401) or Sylvia Fergot (715-352-2221). Bargain hunters can't wait to see your treasures. Please remove the yard sign soon after the end of the garage sales to keep Edgar beautiful.

**Open Book (5 pm to 7 pm)
Board of Review (7 pm to 9 pm)
Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

The following requirements to appear before the Board include:

- ◆ Assessor must be allowed to examine property.
- ◆ Owner must be present, no phone calls allowed.
- ◆ In writing, specify the owner's estimate of the value of the land and improvements that are the subject of the objection and specify the information used to arrive at that estimate.
- ◆ Contact Administrator Louella Luedtke, at least 48 hours before Board of Review.

Adopt A Hydrant !

We couldn't do it without you!

To everyone who helped in anyway this past winter season by shoveling out and keeping the fire hydrants and catch basins clear of snow.



THANK YOU !!!!



EDGAR CARNIVAL — Edgar Volunteer Fire Department — June 3, 4 and 5, 2016

Watch for more details to come out from the Edgar Volunteer Fire Department.

ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK !

Dear Residents,

The thought of writing a letter from the Administrator's desk was fostered when I took over this position to assist the Village in a time of transition almost two years ago. What I didn't realize was the many different hats which come from only moving ten feet. My background stems from accounting in the manufacturing business world. With that said, my writing skills are not my strong point but I feel Edgar residents should hear first-hand what is happening in your Village as the survey in January pointed out we may be a small town but many don't realize how much is actually happening. 2016 is shaping up to be a terrific year for Edgar!

From the recent survey residents mentioned a Dollar General or a hardware store as a business the Village should have. This undertaking has been almost 2 years in the making and the reality is now close at hand with the ribbon cutting set for spring of 2017 if all goes as planned. The concept behind bringing the store to Edgar will give you and the surrounding area a place to pick up odds and ends without driving 20 minutes. Household items as simple as a spool of thread, Magic Markers for those school projects, holiday decorations or a small selection of nuts and bolts can benefit young and old alike. Just last week my hubby was so proud of his latest purchase from a dollar store only after he made a trip into town for other reasons. Lance from the IGA and I have spent many hours discussing the impact on his store which if you think positive will be good. From Dollar General's studies, they expect to generate 10 to 15 cars stopping in their store per hour. My shopping pattern, like many, usually is not a one-stop so local stores should see an increase in foot traffic. Dollar General has mentioned this usually happens from feedback they received from towns they build in. From responses, residents are excited not only for a store coming to town but the impact on how this may open up an invite. Other businesses may start to think what does Edgar have that Dollar General sees and they don't. The Village Board and I are working at setting up a TID to include an area where the Dollar General will be built. The tax revenues generated from the building will pay for the infrastructures (water and sewer) and not from you, the taxpayer. Yes this is revenue we are not receiving directly at the moment but the burden is not placed on the homeowners or businesses, leaving more money in your pockets. Looking through old nostalgic pictures of Edgar, this was once a busy place to gather together and say "hi". We can do this again by supporting our local businesses whenever possible and inviting in the new.

The Business Park has been a topic of discussion by many and why can't we bring in any new business. If you do the research you will discover businesses need workers to make them successful. Edgar is a unique place with all of your parks, each offering something different to enjoy. As we strive to improve the Park system with Fine Arts in the Parks (which was a huge success after its first year) this draws people into town as likewise Dollar General will too. Let us not forget the two new baseball fields which will be open to "Play Ball" in 2017. "Businesses will respond by going where people are" per Dan Devine, Mayor, City of West Allis. People want to move to places that are unique, that are interesting and where they want to live. Businesses will respond by going where the people are. Everything works hand in hand but it also takes time for change. Do you want change or stay the way it is? This is a question you need to ask yourself and please relay your thoughts to me...I would greatly appreciate your views and value your feelings on where you want Edgar to go in the future. Please call (715-352-2891) or email me at Louella.Luedtke@EdgarWI.org.

I would like to mention the water tower will have been inspected and cleaned by the time this newsletter goes to print, weather permitting. The Village has a revolving five-year plan for the cleaning and this is "the year". The mold, etc. will return rather quickly so feast your eyes upward and enjoy the lofty clean tower while it lasts.

Hope you enjoyed and had a Happy Easter and also the first Administrator's letter.

Lou

News from Chief Stankowski



WI Statute Sec. 346.075 Overtaking and passing bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, and motor buses.

(1) The operator of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle or electric personal assistive mobility device proceeding in the same direction shall exercise due care, leaving a safe distance, but in no case less than 3 feet clearance when passing the bicycle or electric personal assistive mobility device, and shall maintain clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle or electric personal assistive mobility device.



Fingerprinting Now Available - The Edgar Police Department will provide this service by appointment. The cost of this service is \$20.00 which must be paid prior to taking your fingerprints and the following procedures need to be followed in order to streamline this process.

- ◆ For an appointment, please call 715-352-2891.
- ◆ The following information must be completed on the fingerprint card (if you have one) prior to arriving at the Police Department or on the one provided by the Police Department:
Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Sex, Race, Height, Weight, Eye Color and Hair Color.
- ◆ You will be asked to sign the card in the presence of the person taking your fingerprints.
- ◆ A picture ID must be provided to verify your identity (Driver's license or ID card).

\$500 Community Planting Program Project - The American Transmission Co. (ATC), through its Community Planting Program approved our application and is funding the Village \$500 for a community planting project. A representative from ATC will try to be on site for the scheduled planting and meet with the Village representatives and residents if possible to discuss the planting and capture the event with photos. The Village would like to apply the funds towards replacement of the Ash trees located throughout the Village before the disease hits the Village hard in about a five-year timeline.

Yard Waste Curbside Collection - Spring is here! We will be picking up yard waste and clippings every other Tuesday beginning May 3rd until November 15th 2016. The Village crew will pick up no larger than 30 gallon clear bags of Yard Waste, only leaves and grass allowed. Curbside Chipping will begin the first Tuesday of the month, starting on May 3rd, 2016. Bundle brush w/string and anytime in excess of 5 minutes will be billed to the resident.

Get Ready for Spring Clean up of Doggy Doo-doo - Going out for a walk, please don't forget the doggy bags. And please keep your pet on a leash. See Ordinance Sec. 7-1-5



Village Recycling Yard - As a reminder only leaves, grass clippings, branches, & other chipped yard waste (no stumps) from Village residents are allowed. Only concrete, asphalt & brick go on the concrete pile. If you require a large dumpster for construction or home improvement waste, please call a waste disposal company.

Spring Clean-Up in Your Cupboards - If you have found that you have several unused cans of food sitting in your cupboard, consider donating them to the Circle of Joy. Food may be dropped off at the Village Office during business hours Monday thru Friday.

Snow Birds - don't forget to contact the Village Office to change your mailing address back to Edgar.

Park Reservations - We are currently taking reservations for the parks (Oak Street, Minnow Ponds, Shortner and Scotch Creek) in Edgar. If you want to have a special occasion held at one of the parks this summer, please make your reservation early as the Saturdays and Sundays are filling up.

Building Permits - Are required for a number of home improvement projects, such as fences, yard sheds, swimming pools, finishing basements, re-roofing, replacing windows, decks, building additions, etc. Other than a new home and signs, there is no charge for the building permit.

Razing Permits - Are required. Contact the Village Office for details.