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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2021

### NEW WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION

We received the following letter from a student at Suttons Bay.

“Dear Mr. Larrea

My name is Jack, and I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Suttons Bay virtual school. Did you know that each person in the US uses 167 plastic bottles per year? I also learned that 38 million plastic bottles go to the land fill each year.

I think we should have water bottle filling stations in town. This would mean less trash in our town. I would be willing to help raise money. Hopefully we could get 3 or 4 in Suttons Bay. Sincerely, Jack.”

Our Response:

“Dear Jack,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to write me a letter. It sounds like you have been working very hard in school this year and learning a lot! Your letter was very well written and I especially liked the way you kept your letters and words within the lines. You must practice a lot or maybe you are just really good at writing!

Jack, when I read your letter, I was truly amazed. I had no idea that there was so much waste generated by single use plastic bottles and can't thank you enough for teaching me something new. I couldn't help feeling sad and concerned after learning that 38,000,000 plastic bottles go into the trash every year, but then you had a great idea that made me smile! Buying water bottle filling stations and installing them throughout our Village is a great idea!

After reading your letter, I contacted several of our elected officials and told them about what you taught me and about your idea. They all agreed that purchasing a water bottle filling station this summer was a great idea and have asked that I begin the process of pricing and ordering one to be installed in our downtown by the clock tower. The Village Council has also asked that we plan and budget for purchasing at least one water bottle filling station every year to be placed in our parks.

Great job! Keep practicing your writing and stay healthy!,

Sincerely Rob Larrea.”

The 1<sup>st</sup> water station is ordered in will be placed at the new Wedge Park at Jefferson and St Joseph near the clock tower. Thanks Jack!

### WANTED: DUMPSTER ENCLOSURES

Are you dealing with an unsightly dumpster? Why not just cover it up? Today there are many options available to rid areas of dumpsters that are eyesores. These covers help to enhance commercial property by creating a more visually appealing area.



A dumpster enclosure is an area that allows you to hide your temporary or commercial container from view in order to keep your property looking clean and presentable. It will also prevent trash from being picked up by the wind, animals from accessing your bin and strangers from illegally dumping in your container, which could cause you to rack up extra fees.

Besides the need for a better aesthetic look and feel, the Village has restrictive codes concerning dumpsters and their enclosures. You can cover the crude looking area with wood, wood substitute, masonry, or shrubbery that is a minimum of six feet in height. That will do more than just satisfy the village codes, it will create a beautiful appearance that increases the appeal of any business. Village staff will be inspecting commercial sites this year to be sure your property is in compliance

### MARINA INFORMATION

It's that wonderful time of year again , and on May 15<sup>th</sup> the Marina will open its doors to yet another fun filled season. The Marina offers seasonal and transient dockage and a full service fuel dock with smiling helpful staff. Unfortunately, this season we will not be opening the launch ramp at the main Marina, but the North Park boat launch will be open with a few new improvements. 16' overhangs and a longer skid pier give an opportunity for larger vessels to launch. This season there will be a \$5 launch fee. This fee helps with the maintenance and upkeep of this facility. You may also purchase a \$30 seasonal launch pass. These passes can be purchased at the Marina's Harbor Hut. Any questions, you can find me in the Marina. Edie Aylsworth, Harbor Master

## MEET RICHARD BLODGETT

Richard is our newest member of the Department of Public Works. Richard joined the Village team in August of 2020. Richard moved from downstate to Suttons Bay in 2011. He says, "I have been married to my wife Debra for 33 years. We have two daughters, Amanda and Samantha, and six grandchildren with one on the way." Richard lives just outside the Village limits and he loves being part of the Suttons Bay community. He added that "he looks forward to going to work everyday." He states his co-workers Dave, Paul, Lou and Nathan have a great work ethic and good attitudes! His latest project at the Village is working on the Marina Park beach improving the beach sand and changes to the kids play area. Richard states, "My grandchildren love going to this park. I look forward to improving this area for all the kids in the community, the parents and all the residents. Is there any better view of the bay?"



## VILLAGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

This summer you can look to the following improvements at your favorite parks:

**Marina Park**-located adjacent to the Marina. Our DPW has been working on expanding the beach area, installing volleyball courts and refinished the picnic tables. There is lots of space to socially distance and enjoy the outdoors.

**Sutton Park**-located on the east side when you enter the Village limits. The bathrooms, picnic tables and pavilion are being freshly painted. Staff will be improving and reshaping the beach area and removing a collapsed platform.

**The Wedge at Water Wheel Park**-located at Jefferson Street and M-22. A great place to eat your lunch and see what's happening downtown. We will be cleaning the overgrowth, improving site conditions, and adding the new water bottle filling station with a seating area and picnic tables.

**Marina Pocket Park**-located at Adams and Front Street. Staff constructed raised bed flower boxes this winter. These planters will help delineate the area where you will find picnic tables and bike racks.

You will also find plenty to do and see at **Waterwheel Park, Bahle Park, Coal Dock Park, North Park and Deuster Park** this summer. Get outside and enjoy the fresh air this summer!

## VILLAGE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Village Council has set their goals and objectives for 2021. Below are just a few. The complete statement can be found on our website.

**Goal:** To instill pride in our community and establish partnerships .

**Objective:** Create a volunteer base of residents based on their interests. Explore artistic talents of our residents both young and experienced and identify the community benefit. Continue to improve relationship with the Garden Club Continue to work with the MSUE Master Gardener program.

**Goal:** To improve our current park system.

**Objective:** Create pocket park seating areas and connectivity within our park system. Create a new Waterwheel pocket park located adjacent to Haystacks. Purchase and install new water fountains and benches for Suttons, Waterwheel, Marina and Deuster parks. Identify funding opportunities to construct a new Marina pedestrian bridge.

**Goal:** To expand and improve our non-motorized network.

**Objective:** Plan for an expansion of the sidewalk network from S. Shore Drive to Suttons Park, identify sidewalks within our neighborhoods in need of repair and create a plan for replacement. In addition, continue to work with TART Trails to improve and expand the trail.

**FALL CLEAN-UP**  
September 13, 2021

There will be curbside pick-up this year, on **Monday September 13, 2021** for Village residents only. Please limit the material and volume to:

- 15 bags of refuse or the equivalent thereof. Natural materials will not be accepted. no brush, leaves, or yard waste.
- One appliance. Refrigerators and freezers must have freon removed. This can be done by any heating/cooling contractor. Any unit not appropriately tagged will not be accepted.
- Tires: Limit two passenger tires or one truck tire.
- Chemicals & toxic substances: Not acceptable
- Florescent light ballasts and car batteries: Not acceptable.
- Paint cans must be open and the contents must be dry.
- Drywall & Construction materials prohibited

If you have any questions, please call the Village Hall at 271-3051. Curbside pick-up takes place in the Village only. Please have your refuse curbside by 7:00 a.m. on September 13, 2021. American Waste will only be making one (1) pass on each street.

### **WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS**

It is important to provide correct information with your payment when you pay your water and sewer bill, to ensure proper and timely payment posting. Payments are receipted by the Account number. The best way to do that is to include the stub portion of your bill with your payment, or indicate the account number on your check. The account number almost always consists of a combination of 16 letters and numbers, such as FRON-000420-0000-00. There are a few users that are still using very old account numbers that no longer exist, specifically when using a bank issued payment. Please correct the account number on those bank checks. If you are paying by credit card via Pay Gov, be sure and include your full street address, including any unit numbers. In addition, there are a few accounts where the payers name is different than the name on the account. If that is a permanent situation, please notify the Village so that we may change our records. Thank you.

### **VILLAGE COMMUNICATION-E-SIGN UP**

In an effort to foster communication with all of our residents and property owners we would like to offer you the opportunity to sign up for E-Updates. Please send an email to [svbresident@gmail.com](mailto:svbresident@gmail.com) and we will be happy to add you to our growing list of those residents wanting to be informed of what is happening in the Village. By signing up, you will receive our newsletters and important updates as they occur in real time. Also, please check our website for information. We try to keep it updated so you can keep updated!

Visit our website at  
[www.suttonsbayvillage.org](http://www.suttonsbayvillage.org)

### **VILLAGE MEETINGS**

**Pursuant to Resolution 1 of 2021 all meetings will be held via remote access through December 31, 2021. If you have questions on how to participate, please contact our office and we will assist you.**

- The Village Council meets the third Monday of each Month at 5:30 pm.
- The Village Planning Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the third Wednesday of the month only on an \*as needed basis\* when an application for a Zoning Amendment, variance or an interpretation is requested.
- The DDA meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of month at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Committee meetings are held the first week of each month. Check our website for dates and times.
- For Agenda or packet information visit our website at [www.suttonsbayvillage.org](http://www.suttonsbayvillage.org).

### **SHORT TERM RENTALS**

The Village has adopted a Short Term Rental Ordinance which allows residents to rent their properties "on a short term basis for a period of less than 30 days" once they have received a permit. You can find the application and the Ordinance on our website.

### **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

This spring and summer look for sidewalk to be replaced along West Street. There are a number of dead trees along this stretch that will be removed as well. In addition, 800 feet of asphalt from 4th Street to just past the Suttons Bay School will be repaved. When project start dates are confirmed, we will post information on our website. Sign up for E Updates and we can shoot you an email!

## ZONING

Contact the office and speak with Leslie Couturier, the Zoning Administrator to schedule an appointment before you begin a project. Leslie is in the office from 8:00-12:00 on Friday mornings.

### IMPORTANT DATES –MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 19th thru 23rd Spring Leaf & Brush curbside
- April 26-30 Hydrant Flushing & Chlorination
- May 3-September 30 Bio Bag Pick-up on Mondays
- October 4-8 Hydrant Flushing & Chlorination
- October 18-22nd Leaf pick-up-curbside
- November 1-5 Last week of Leaf pick-up-curbside

For all other dates and happenings in the Village, please check our website at [www.suttonsbayvillage.org](http://www.suttonsbayvillage.org)

\*Fall leaf pick-up may be adjusted due to weather and leaf drop conditions. We will notify via ROBO call if this occurs.

## Village Office Information

Village Manager	271-3051 ext. 1
Zoning	271-3051 ext. 5
Tax Information	271-3051 ext. 3
Water/Sewer Billing	271-3051 ext. 2
Marina	271-6703
Water/Sewer Maintenance	271-1032
DPW/Parks/Streets	271-1032
Water Sewer Emergency	866-0151
Sheriff Department	256-8800

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