

January 2020

We have wonderful news! The Village of Edwardsburg in collaboration with Ontwa Township has received a \$25,000.00 grant from Canadian National Railways to clean up, fix up and greatly improve the terrain on M-62 from the crossing at Rte. 12 to the crossing at Elkhart Road. A local landscape architect has completed the enclosed plan. The plan shows the enormous difference a beautiful, well-planned and colorful terrain will make to our community.

The \$25,000.00 grant, administered by America in Bloom, has a 100% match, which means we have to raise \$25,000.00. The project called All Aboard is set to begin in this spring of 2020.

We are in the process of assembling cash and in kind donations from a number of organizations and community members who will help with various parts of All Aboard. We need your help and a donation from you in an amount of your choosing will help us to reach the matching amount. The money will be used for all of the aspects of the project: design, clean-up of the site, preparation of the site for planting, leaf bearing and evergreen trees, bushes, flowers, mulch, the two perennial beds, decorative stones, solar lighting, signage, maintenance, and a type of watering system.

We are planning a meeting at the Ontwa Township Hall in late February to talk about the project and display pictures of the variety of trees, bushes as well as flowers that will enhance the property. The Community is invited to see what will be accomplished. Once All Aboard is completed there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception, and those who have made donations of any kind will be acknowledged. Again, the entire community is invited and welcome.

Enclosed, in addition to a copy of the landscape plan, is a form that you can use to donate to the project. Please help us complete All Aboard and enjoy not only the future view of the railroad terrain on M-62, but the economic development the project will promote.

Sincerely,

The All Aboard Committee

Paula Ralph, Margie Allan, Brigid Forlenza, Jerry Marchetti, Roy Smothermon, Jeff Kozinsky and Roseann Marchetti

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## DONATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business &  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to donate by check, please make it out to the Village of Edwardsburg and in the memo line write All Aboard. Mail the check to the

Village of Edwardsburg

PO Box 596

Edwardsburg, MI 49112

The check may be dropped off at either the Village Hall or the Ontwa Township Hall. Cash donations may be made using the same form and may be dropped off at the Village or Township Hall.

Thank you for your help with All Aboard. This project will enhance and instill pride in our community.