

EDGEWATER

Neighborhood Newsletter

Welcome, Summer!

Enjoy every moment, because as we know, summer days are fleeting and soon give way to winter winds.



Summer Family Fun

This summer promises to be a fun-filled and busy as ever, with traditional events and area activity.

The first Edgewater event of the summer is our Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, June 13. For details, visit rockfordedgewater.org. Thank you to Drew Williams for taking on the task of organizing this event.

The July 4 festivities are an annual tradition with fun for the entire family. Thanks and big applause go to the Tim Moore family; without their many hours and commitment, we wouldn't be able to hold this event, which includes refreshments and a bike parade with prizes for the kids.

Thanks also to the Park District and John Beck for their support, and to Rockford Country Club for sharing their fireworks celebration with our entire neighborhood!

There are also many summertime activities throughout the Rockford area for you to enjoy with your family. Many are free outdoor music activities. So, get out there and enjoy!

Important Dates

- Sat. **Edgewater**
June 13 **Neighborhood Garage Sale**

- Wed. Monthly Neighborhood
June 17 Meeting
5:30 pm
Rockford Country Club

- Sat. **Fourth of July**
July 4 **Celebration**
Oxford Park

- Wed. Monthly Neighborhood
July 15 Meeting
5:30 pm
and
Rockford Country Club
- Wed.
Aug. 19 **Join us!**



Community interaction
builds community.
Get involved!

North Main Street Improvements

You asked, so Matt Vinter from the City of Rockford Engineering Division visited our May association meeting to give us an update and answer questions about this major improvement project to the North Main Street corridor.

Some things to know:

The project is a joint effort between the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Rockford. North Main Street is a significant transportation corridor through Rockford that provides access to numerous neighborhoods, employment centers, and recreational facilities. Due to its vital role in the area's overall transportation system, the project was included in the State of Illinois' Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Construction Plan.

The project will result in the corridor being fully reconstructed as a modern State Highway with a four-lane concrete pavement cross section, concrete medians, major intersection improvements, upgraded turn lanes, and new drainage facilities from Yonge Street to Benington Road.

The City requested that corridor street lighting, ornamental traffic signals, a shared-use path, sidewalks, upgraded water infrastructure, and landscaping elements (including some grass medians and decorative stamped concrete) be incorporated into the project. The City will be taking the lead on pre-construction property demolition projects.

Preliminary utility work is planned to begin this summer, as Com Ed begins to relocate their lines in preparation for the overall project.

The entire project is planned to be complete in late 2017.

For more info and updates, visit: <http://www.rockfordil.gov/public-works/engineering-cip/cip-books.aspx>.

It's important to know that the city will monitor access to local businesses and will oversee water main work, pathways, and lighting systems, as they did with the roundabout constructions, which was completed on time, on schedule, and on budget!



Top 10 Ways to Enjoy Living in Edgewater

Whether you're new to the neighborhood or have lived here for years, you might have some questions about living in Edgewater, so we're answering some of them here for you.



*Stay connected
with your
neighbors!*

1. Start with your alderman.

We are extremely fortunate to have a very responsive alderman, John Beck, who also happens to be our association president. If you have a city, street, property or neighborhood standard concern, start by contacting him. He has graciously offered to contact the appropriate party to ensure that concerns are heard.

FYI, we live in Rockford's 12th Ward. John is serving his fourth term on the city council and his ward constitutes an area much larger than our neighborhood, which is where he resides.

John Beck
815.289.4787
john.beck@rockfordil.gov

2. Check us out on social media.

Join NextDoor Edgewater, our private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's a great way to communicate and ask questions, post items for sale, post about lost and found pets, etc. Like us on Facebook: Edgewater Neighborhood Association, and visit our website at www.rockfordedgewater.org. All three are great resources to get updates, view monthly meeting minutes, and connect with your neighbors.

3. Talk to your neighbors.

If you don't know each other already, introduce yourself. Let them know a little bit about you; find out how long they've lived in the neighborhood and if they are association members. In the future, if you have a concern, talk to them politely about it before you escalate an issue. For instance, if you're wondering about the car parked in front of their house that doesn't seem to move, ask about it before you jump to conclusions. Chances are you'd like it if someone extended you the same benefit of the doubt.

4. Pick up after yourself (and your dog)!

It's common courtesy and makes our neighborhood a more pleasant place to live, and walk. As you walk your dog, try to have your pup use the right of way between the sidewalk and the street and also, avoid ornamental plantings, flowers and tender shrubbery.

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5. If in doubt, CALL.

If you have a medical, safety, or criminal emergency, call 911. If you have a non-emergency concern, call 815.966-2900.

We have a community services officer who partners with us to make our neighborhood a safer place. If you want to alert him to an issue, call:

Joshua Peterson
Joshua.peterson@rockfordil.gov
(815)967-6715

6. Come to a neighborhood meeting

(and consider becoming a member of our neighborhood association).

All neighbors are invited to the monthly meetings, which are the third Wednesday of the month at Rockford Country Club, 5:30 p.m. A delicious meal is served for a requested donation, and community services officer Joshua Peterson shares the latest crime statistics.

7. Need some work done?

NextDoor Edgewater is a great place to ask about work you need done, from a new roof to a small repair. Please be mindful and polite when using this resource: feel free to post positive comments about contractors you've hired. If you have had a bad experience and feel you want a neighbor to be forewarned, consider sending a private message so that any negative comments are confidential.

8. Need city info?

Visit: www.rockfordil.gov for answers to many of your frequently asked questions.

Please note that Street Division crews are currently patching potholes citywide both proactively and by citizen request.

Contact (779) 348-7260 with your patch request, or start with your alderman John Beck.

9. Get involved in Transform Rockford.

Visit transformrockford.org and find out how our region is determined to transform itself from within.

10. Support local businesses.

They've made an investment in our area and can only continue to thrive with our business. Many of our local businesses are also very good neighbors to the Edgewater Association. This will be especially important when construction begins on the North Main corridor.