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ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



HELLO AND HAPPY SPRING!

WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING YOU OUR FIRST ONLINE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER. AT THE SUGGESTION OF SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS, WE ARE GOING TO BRING YOU NEWS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS—AND SAVE SOME TREES AT THE SAME TIME!

SINCERELY,

JOHN BECK

PRESIDENT, EDGEWATER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

EASTER EGG HUNT

HOP ON OVER!

BRING THE KIDS FOR SPRINGTIME FUN AT OUR ANNUAL EDGEWATER EASTER EGG HUNT, SATURDAY, APRIL 19. THE EASTER BUNNY AND CREW HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO GATHER AND HIDE THOUSANDS OF EGGS FOR THE KIDS TO DISCOVER! SO EVERYONE HAS A BETTER CHANCE OF FILLING THEIR BASKETS, YOUNGER TOTS AND OLDER KIDS WILL SEARCH IN SEPARATE GROUPS. THIS EVENT PROMISES TO CREATE SOME PRICELESS MEMORIES, SO DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAMERA!

SPECIAL THANKS TO STAN ARNOLD AND BARB BERMAN FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT.

SAVE THE DATE!

EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY
APRIL 19
10 AM
OXFORD PARK**

**BRING YOUR
CAMERA!**

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY
JUNE 14
FREE!**

REGISTER@
ROCKFORDEEDGEWATER.ORG

**JULY 4 FESTIVAL
OXFORD PARK
FRIDAY, JULY 4
7 PM**

**BIKE PARADE,
FAMILY
FESTIVITIES AND
FIREWORKS!**





SNOW EMERGENCY CLARIFICATION

IF YOU LIVE ON CLINTON, DOUGLAS OR MELROSE STREETS:
DURING A DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCY, THE SNOW EMERGENCY REGULATIONS OVERRIDE THE TYPICAL DAILY 'ONE-SIDE-OF-STREET' PARKING.

IN OTHER WORDS, FOLLOW SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING REGULATIONS ON EVERY STREET IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

ON EVEN NUMBERED CALENDAR DAYS, PARK ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. ON ODD NUMBERED CALENDAR DAYS, PARK ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE COMING SOON: JUNE 14

ENJOY A GREAT DAY OF SELLING AND PICKING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS, BASEMENT, ATTIC AND GARAGE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 14.

THIS YEAR, IT'S **FREE** TO PARTICIPATE!

REGISTER YOUR SALE @ WWW.ROCKFORDEEDGEWATER.ORG

GOOD NEIGHBOR INFO

ALL THE IMPORTANT STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

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FEATURED EDGEWATER HOME



TED AND PHYLLIS HOLM 2121 MELROSE STREET

THE YEAR WAS 1965. AT THAT TIME, THE DUNCAN FAMILY HAD CALLED 2121 MELROSE STREET HOME FOR OVER 40 YEARS. DR. DUNCAN, ONLY THE SECOND OWNER OF THE HOME, WAS AN OPTOMETRIST AND CONDUCTED HIS BUSINESS IN THE LIVING ROOM.

OVER ONE YEAR LATER, NEWLYWEDS TED AND PHYLLIS HOLM WERE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE.

DR. DUNCAN HAD SINCE PASSED, AND THE PROPERTY SOON BECAME PART OF AN ESTATE SALE. ED AND GINA, NEIGHBORS OF THE DUNCANS AND FRIENDS WITH THE HOLMS, TOLD TED AND PHYLLIS ABOUT THE HOME BEING FOR SALE. 48 YEARS LATER, TED AND PHYLLIS ARE STILL PROUD TO CALL 2121 MELROSE STREET HOME.

“WE NEVER GAVE IT A THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE OUR ‘STARTER HOME’”, MRS. HOLM SHARED. MR. HOLM CONTINUED, “WE THOUGHT: HERE’S A HOUSE, LET’S BUY IT, LET’S MOVE IN!”

MR. AND MRS. HOLM EXPRESSED HOW FORTUNATE THEY WERE TO HAVE STUMBLED UPON THEIR HOME, SET IN A THRIVING NEIGHBORHOOD FULL OF YOUNG FAMILIES. AT ONE TIME, THEIR BLOCK BETWEEN HARPER AVE. AND BROWN ST. HAD 44 CHILDREN, FROM INFANTS TO TEENAGERS. “THERE WERE ALWAYS BABYSITTERS FOR YOUNG KIDS, AND THERE WERE ALWAYS BABYSITTING JOBS FOR OLDER KIDS.”

THOUGH THEIR CHILDREN ARE NOW GROWN, MR. AND MRS. HOLM VALUE THEIR HOME, THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND ALL THE AMENITIES IT HAS, INCLUDING THE BIKE PATH AND OUR LOCAL AREA RESTAURANTS. WITH NEARLY 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AND 50 YEARS OF HOME OWNERSHIP ON THE HORIZON, TED AND PHYLLIS HAVE NO PLANS TO LEAVE THE ‘STARTER HOME’, BUILT IN 1920 AND NOW 94 YEARS OLD, THEY SO DEARLY LOVE.

CHARMING HOMES, NATURAL BEAUTY, AND CLOSE COMMUNITY MAKE EDGEWATER A GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME. THEY ALSO MAKE FOR GREAT STORIES. SHARE YOUR EDGEWATER STORY IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS BY CONTACTING MICHAEL SMITH AT MICHAEL@ENGINESTUDIO.ORG.

THE OLYMPIC TAVERN

A LONG-STANDING GOOD NEIGHBOR

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“AFTER 68 YEARS IN BUSINESS,
WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE
(AND MAYBE A LITTLE PROUD)
TO HAVE MADE IMPROVEMENTS AND
ADDITIONS TO THE OLYMPIC TAVERN.



“WE COULDN'T DREAM OF BEING
ANYWHERE OTHER THAN FULTON AND
MAIN. ROCKFORD'S NORTH END HAS
BEEN OUR HOME SINCE 1945, AND WE'VE
BEEN HAPPY TO SHARE GOOD FOOD &
DRINK WITH THE ROCKFORD COMMUNITY
EVER SINCE THEN.”

ZAK ROTELLO
FOOD AND BEVERAGE
DIRECTOR



CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS!

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD. WHETHER THEY'RE OF
FLOWERS IN YOUR GARDEN, YOUR GRANDKIDS
AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT OR A SHOT OF THE
RIVER AT SUNSET. EMAIL YOUR EDGEWATER
PHOTOS TO JUANITAHICKERSON@GMAIL.COM
AND MAYBE YOU'LL SEE THEM IN AN UPCOMING
NEWSLETTER!