



Edgewater Neighborhood

Neighborhood Newsletter Spring 2017



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Welcome, Spring, we're glad to greet you!

Spring not only brings about the awakening of the earth, it's also a time of awakening for our neighborhood! We are looking forward to seeing neighbors come out in droves for the **annual Edgewater Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15**.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is now better than ever! In addition to the egg hunt itself, enjoy complimentary treats and coffee, and get a great photo with the Easter Bunny at our new photo backdrop. Additionally, we are partnering with Goodwill to hold a Donation Drive on the morning of the egg hunt! A donation bin will be on hand at Oxford Park to collect your new and gently used clothing and household items from 8 a.m. - noon. Enjoy the egg hunt with your family AND make spring cleaning a little bit easier.



The Rockford Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4. Voters have the opportunity to elect many key leadership positions within the city and school district. Please see page 4 for more details about the upcoming election.



All Edgewater neighbors are also invited to monthly Association meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month at the Rockford Country Club at 5:30 p.m. Each month we hear from our Community Officer, get city updates, and discuss upcoming Edgewater activities. Residents are welcome to come with questions or concerns about our neighborhood and city. A light dinner is served; a donation is requested to help offset the cost of the meal.

From all of the officers and board members of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association,
Happy Spring!

Promote your business to Edgewater neighbors!

Run an ad in the Edgewater newsletter and reach hundreds of neighbors in Edgewater and beyond. E-newsletters are sent to nearly 300 residents and posted on Facebook, NextDoor, and the neighborhood website. Physical newsletters are also mailed to 1200 Edgewater households in the fall.

Full-page ads are \$100, 1/2 page \$50, 1/4 page \$25; proceeds support Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Ad materials (digital PDF, JPEG or PNG files) can be submitted to Jennifer Smith, jenebuck@gmail.com. Please contact Jennifer with any questions.



Upcoming Neighborhood Events

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Easter Egg Hunt *and* Donation Drive | Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. | Oxford Park

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is now better than ever! In addition to the egg hunt itself (kids are divided into two age groups to allow younger participants a "head start"), enjoy complimentary treats and coffee, and get a great photo with the Easter Bunny and our new photo backdrop. **Additionally, this year we are partnering with Goodwill to hold a Donation Drive!** A big donation bin will be on hand at Oxford Park to collect your new and gently used clothing and household items (visit www.goodwillni.org to see what can/cannot be donated) from 8 a.m. — noon. Donations receipts will be available for deductions for tax purposes. Enjoy the egg hunt with your family AND make spring cleaning a little bit easier this year.

Neighborhood Spring Clean Up | Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. - Noon | Oxford Park

We're joining hundreds of Rockford neighbors participating in the Great American Cleanup! This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day with your family and get Edgewater looking in tip top shape. Meet at Oxford Park and we'll divide and conquer! You do NOT need to help for the full three hours to participate. Trash bags, gloves, and trash pick up tools provided.

Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales | Saturday, May 6

To help build momentum for our neighborhoods' sales, we're holding this event on the same day as Churchill's Grove's neighborhood-wide sales. Watch for more details on Facebook ([Edgewater Neighborhood Association](#)), [Nextdoor Edgewater](#), and [RockfordEdgewater.org](#)

4th of July Celebration | Tuesday, July 4 | Oxford Park

Kids activities (face painting, bike parade, and more!) in late afternoon/early evening, fireworks at dusk. Watch for more details on Facebook ([Edgewater Neighborhood Association](#)), [Nextdoor Edgewater](#), and [RockfordEdgewater.org](#)



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North Main Construction Update

On Monday March 20, 2017, the southbound lanes of North Main Street will be shut down for roadway milling and paving operations for the length of the project until further notice. Southbound and northbound traffic will be two lane, two way traffic with one lane in either direction for the duration of this work. **Please note, businesses are open during construction.**

On Wednesday March 22, 2017 a detour will be scheduled for North Main Street between Yonge Street north to Brown Avenue. All through traffic will be encouraged to utilize Huffman Blvd. The detour will be up for a maximum of 4 days ending on March 25, 2017.

We remind and encourage you to support businesses along North Main that are impacted by this construction project. Your patronage will help ensure that the North Main corridor has a variety of business offerings and that residents of Edgewater and the northwest side of Rockford have services and amenities close to home.



Street Sweeping & Yard Refuse Pickup

The Street Division will begin Spring Street Sweeping on arterial streets the week of March 20. This phase of the City's street sweeping operation will take approximately 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. Central Business District street sweeping will tentatively begin the week of March 27 during the overnight hours.

Spring residential street sweeping will begin after arterials are completed. The transition to residential streets is anticipated to be the week of April 10.



Yard refuse pickup began the week of March 13th, and occurs on the same day your trash is picked up. Refuse including leaves, grass, and sticks should be placed in compostable brown paper yard waste bags or in garbage cans that are clearly marked with an "X" on all sides. Branches may be no more than 4 inches in diameter, should be trimmed to 4 feet in length, no bundle of branches or yard waste bag or can should weigh more than 50 pounds. **Reminder:** Trash and yard refuse should not be placed in the street but up on the right of way or driveway so street sweepers can get closer to the curb. Sweeping crews do not come back to sweep an area that was missed because of improperly placed garbage receptacles or parked cars.

Potholes & Patching

Even though winter was relatively mild this year, the seasonal melting and thawing still does damage to our streets. Public works staff are patching holes citywide, both proactively and by citizen request. See a pothole that needs fixing? Please report it to (779) 348-7260.



Storm Drains

Street sweepers will help clear winter debris from our streets, but you can help ensure our water system remains efficient and free from excessive yard waste and trash by taking an extra look at any storm drains in the street along your property. As spring rains begin, even partially blocked storm drains can cause major flooding problems. While you're out starting spring yard work take a moment to clear a storm drain!



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Upcoming Election

Election Day is April 4!

The Consolidated Election is rapidly approaching, but voters still have plenty of time to make an informed decision before heading to the polls on April 4.

Early voting has begun; registered voters can visit the Rockford Board of Elections (301 S 6th St) through April 3; visit VoteRockford.com or call 815-987-5750 for open hours. On election day (April 4) you must vote at your polling place. Edgewater residents do not all have the same polling place. Check the map to the right or visit VoteRockford.com to determine your polling center:

#1 — Third Presbyterian Church, 1221 Custer Ave

#2 & #3 — Beth-Eden United Methodist Church, 3201 Huffman Blvd

Vote by Mail ballots may be requested up until 5 days prior to the election. Visit VoteRockford.com for full details.

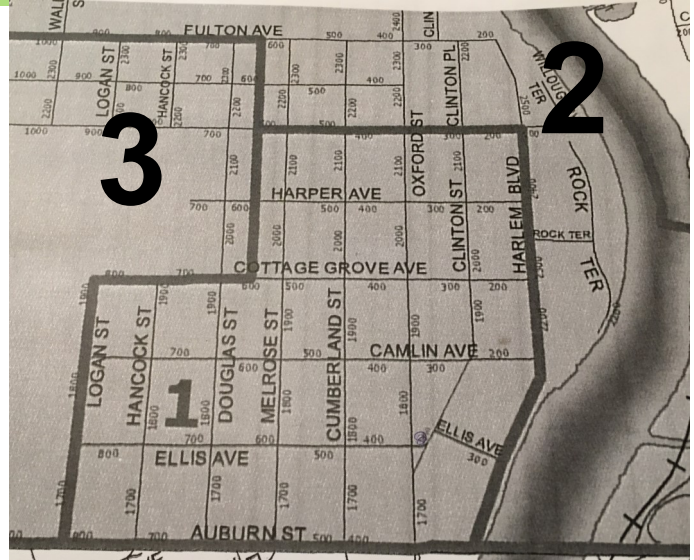
The League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford will host an **Aldermanic Candidate Meet and Greet** on Sunday, March 26, from 2– 4 p.m. at Nordlof Center (118 N Main). You may also learn more about each of the 12th ward candidates online: aldermanjohnbeck.com barb4rockford.com electkellyforthe12thward.com

If you are interested in hearing from all of the mayoral candidates in person, several opportunities remain:

***March 23, 6-8pm, Nordlof Center (118 N Main).** Rockford Public Library and Rockford Register Star host this mayoral forum.

***March 28, 7-8:30pm, Veteran's Memorial Hall (211 N Main).** This debate is focused on the topic of neighborhood development and is hosted by NW Homestart, Jeremiah Development, Rockford Area Realtors, RAA, and ZION Development.

***April 2, 9-10 a.m., Rockford Women's Club (323 Park Ave).** Hosted by WTOV and WQRF-TV in association with the Rockford League of Women Voters.



For housing news

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Keith Kelly

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Spring Creek Road Multi-Use Path Update

Last month the Rockford City Council approved \$100,000 for the design and analysis of the Spring Creek Road Multi-Use Path that will connect the Sinnissippi Path on the west with the Spring Brook on-street path to the east. The Spring Creek path had been identified in community plans for nearly 20 years. Last year, when details of a new construction project along Spring Creek Road involving the Rock River Water Reclamation District and the City of Rockford were revealed and did not include consideration of the long-laid plans for a path, the public spoke up. Over 1,300 citizens signed a petition in support of the Spring Creek Path and from that groundswell, the "I Bike Rockford" group was formed to advocate for plans like these and further the cycling culture in the community.

This path will fulfill a critical east/west connection for people who choose to travel without an automobile, for the 850 students at Eisenhower Middle School, neighborhood residents and many others. Furthermore, it ties residents west of the Rock River to locations east such as Rock Valley College, the Perryville Path and Rock Cut State Park through one simple and straightforward route. Construction of this path will show that Rockford continues to take the steps necessary to make it a top 25 city and is a powerful example of the value and strength of engaged citizen advocates.

If you are interested in joining the I Bike Rockford group to advocate for issues related to bicycling and active transportation that are important to you, please "Like" us on Facebook or email ibikerockford@gmail.com to get involved.



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Rockford City Market & North End Market

City Market: Fridays, starting May 19

3:30—8:30 p.m.

Intersection of State & Water St., downtown Rockford

North End Market: Saturdays, starting May 13

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

SE corner of North Main and Auburn

Just a few more weeks until City Market and North End Market start up again! Live music, fresh produce, local handmade goods, and delicious food make both these weekly events popular with residents and visitors alike. The North End Market is just a short walk or bike ride from Edgewater and a great way to meet neighbors and friends in our own stomping grounds! www.rockfordcitymarket.com



Become a Member of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association!

The Edgewater Neighborhood Association was established in 1979 to create a greater sense of community and provide resources that help keep Edgewater a beautiful, safe, and inviting place to live. Your annually-renewable \$15 Membership fee supports:

- ✧ Seasonal Neighborhood Activities including the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Garage Sale, 4th of July Festivities in Oxford Park, and Luminaria (including Luminaries placed in public places like the Auburn Street Bridge).
- ✧ Snow Plow Fund: The City does not plow Edgewater's many alleys, so as a neighborhood we pool our resources and contract with a plow service to keep those alleys clear all winter long.
- ✧ Watering planters on Auburn Street and the north side of Auburn Street Bridge.
- ✧ Postage for neighborhood mailings and printing of those mailings, as well as signs advertising neighborhood activities.

Thank you for your Membership and for helping Edgewater continue to be the vibrant, unique neighborhood we can be proud to call home!



Please mail your completed form with check to:

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
PO Box 515
Rockford, IL 61105

Name _____

Address _____
(Used for Edgewater mailings)

Phone _____
(Used for Edgewater information only)

Email _____
(Receive updates from our Alderman and Neighborhood Association President, John Beck)

Membership Dues **\$15**

Additional Donation _____
(to support snow removal and other neighborhood activities)

TOTAL _____

Checks may be made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Prefer to pay by card?

Pay online with PayPal at www.rockfordedgewater.org!