



Edgewater Neighborhood

Neighborhood Newsletter | Fall 2016



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Autumn is here in all its
splendor and the holidays
are fast approaching!

There are many great Edgewater events
coming up that you will want to
participate in. Please check out page 2
for details on all of these opportunities!

The Edgewater Neighborhood
Association Board is conducting a
resident survey to learn about your
experience in our neighborhood, what
we could do to make living here more
enjoyable, and to get to know our neighbors a little bit better! We are also interest-
ed in finding out how you might want to be involved in a neighborhood activity or
initiative. **The survey can be taken online at <http://tinyurl.com/heepks5> or
found on the homepage of the Edgewater website**

www.rockfordedgewater.org. Request a paper copy by emailing board member
Jennifer Smith at jenebuck@gmail.com or calling 847-544-8697.

We wish you a Happy Halloween, a beautiful Autumn, and a holiday season filled
with joy!

—The Edgewater Neighborhood Association Board



November 8 is Election Day

Our neighborhood's polling place is Third
Presbyterian Church, 1221 Custer Ave. Visit
www.voterockford.com to check your
registration status, to find locations for early
voting, and to request a ballot to vote by mail.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

November 5: Neighborhood Fall Cleanup

Meet at Oxford Park at 9am. We provide trash bags and grabbers. Even if you can only come for 30 minutes, please join us to help get our neighborhood trash free before winter comes!

November 26: Stroll on State

Enjoy the 4th annual Stroll on State! Brought to you by the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, this family-friendly event kicks off the holiday season with a visit from Santa, tree-lighting and fireworks on the Rock River, ice skating, sleigh rides, holiday shopping, and much, much more. Keep an eye on www.gorockford.com for details as they are announced!

December 3: Edgewater Luminary Sale & Membership Drive

9am - 4pm on Saturday, December 3, buy your affordably priced bags and candles for this year's Luminaria at Village Green, 2640 N. Main. Bring your own container and you can also pick up free sand.

During the sale, renew your Edgewater Membership for 2017 or join up for the very first time -- the annually-renewable \$15 per-household membership supports Edgewater events as well as our neighborhood snow plow fund. Payments can be made by cash, check, or card during the sale, by using the form on the outside of this newsletter, or online at www.rockfordedgewater.org

Interested in helping out with the Luminary sale? Contact John Beck at 815.289.4787 to volunteer!



December 17: Luminaria Night

Enjoy and participate in an Edgewater tradition: Luminaria Night! Line your walkways with luminaries (white candle-lit bags weighted with sand) at dusk on Saturday, December 17. If you plan to host a holiday party this is a great night to do it!

Volunteers will set up and light hundreds of luminaries in common areas such as the Auburn Street Bridge; want to help? Call John Beck at 815.289.4787.



December 21: Edgewater Holiday Party

From 5:30 - 7:30pm, all Edgewater residents are invited to join the fun and enjoy an evening of delicious food and fellowship with your neighbors at the Rockford Country Club! You won't want to miss this delicious and festive dinner featuring prime rib and a buffet of other holiday favorites. \$25/adult, \$15/child under 13 years old. Please RSVP to the Rockford Country Club at 815.968.9881.

During dinner there will be a brief Edgewater Board meeting where we will elect our 2017 board and officers. Would you like to serve on the board in 2017? Contact John Beck at 815.289.4787.



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Seasonal Reminders



Leaves are Falling! Unblock Those Storm Drains

If there is a storm drain along the edge of your property, help prevent street flooding and keep our water system free of debris as possible by clearing the drain of leaves. Even partially blocked drains can cause problems with fall rains and lead to ice jams in winter.

Help Keep Edgewater Walkable All Year— Keep Sidewalks Clear!

One of the best things about Edgewater is how walkable it is, for adults, children, and dogs alike! As you complete your fall cleanup, take time to trim bushes and trees that may overhang or block sidewalks, and rake leaves and debris off sidewalks.

When the snow starts to fly, please keep sidewalks as clear of snow and ice as possible. If you live on a corner, do your best to keep the path from the sidewalk to the street clear; this is not always an easy task but your efforts ensure pedestrians and pups have safe passage year round. Thank you!



Winter Parking & Snow Clearing Reminders

Odd/Even parking is always in effect always during a declared Snow Emergency to assist with snow clearing operations. **Vehicles must be parked on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days and on the side with even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days by 8:00am (for example, on Nov. 9 you'd park on the odd side of the street by 8:00am).**

If your street is marked as "No Parking" on one side, a Snow Emergency declaration allows you to park legally in the restricted area during the time the Snow Emergency is in effect. **Do not assume that you can move your car when the street is plowed, it must remain parked appropriately until after the Snow Emergency has been lifted.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as it ensures Edgewater streets are thoroughly cleared after every storm. Call the City's Snow Hotline at 815.987.5771 with any questions.

Edgewater contracts with a private company to have all the alleys in the neighborhood plowed. The contractor is contacted to start plowing the alleys after 2 inches of snow have fallen. The money to pay this contractor comes from Edgewater membership dues as well as additional donations to the snow plow fund—use the form on the outside of this newsletter or visit www.rockfordedgewater.org to become a member!

City of Rockford Construction Updates

North Main Street: Currently, workers are finishing the new water main installation from Yonge to Willoughby. Utility relocations are still ongoing, and some will continue throughout the winter as weather permits. The pavement & intersection widening to accomplish staged construction should be completed before the end of 2016 construction. In 2017, full reconstruction between Yonge & the railroad crossing (around County Club Beach) will begin and last for the entire season.

Spring Creek Bike Path Study: The City has received the full corridor topography survey documents. Over the coming weeks they will be analyzing the information to ascertain the challenges with path alignments. It is clear from the initial study that there are some major right of way, grading, & utility issues that will need to be addressed, and at this point more study is needed to give a solid answer on feasibility. One option that is being considered is a phased approach to constructing the path.





Edgewater Neighborhood
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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 (made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association) to:



Edgewater Neighborhood Association
PO Box 515
Rockford, IL 61105

Prefer to pay by card?

Pay online with PayPal at www.rockfordedgewater.org!

Name _____

Address _____
(Used for Edgewater mailings)

Phone _____
(Used for Edgewater information only)

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

Membership Dues **\$15**

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

TOTAL _____