



# edgewater

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

### WINTER 2013 ISSUE

#### Staying Connected

We're finding new and improved ways to keep us all connected.

1. Our newsletter is going online next year, which will save both \$\$ and trees. It will be posted at our website: [rockfordedgewater.org](http://rockfordedgewater.org) and announced on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/edgewaterneighborhoodassociation](https://facebook.com/edgewaterneighborhoodassociation). We want to make sure everyone is kept in the loop, so if you don't have online access, just leave a message with your name and address at 651.245.2323 and we'll send you a copy.
2. Check out Nextdoor Edgewater, the new, free app your neighbors are using to keep connected: [edgewateril.nextdoor.com](http://edgewateril.nextdoor.com).
3. Join us at a monthly board meeting (the next one is Wed., Nov. 20, 5:30 pm) at Rockford Country Club—all residents are welcome.

Remember, our neighborhood is only as strong as the membership supporting it. Consider joining us to help provide our seasonal neighborhood events—they're fun for the whole family!

Sincerely,  
John Beck  
President, Edgewater Neighborhood Association

Luminaria Sale/Membership Drive at  
Village Green: Saturday, December 7  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Celebrate Luminaria Night**  
*Saturday, December 14*



Join a classic Edgewater tradition: luminaria night. Line your walkways with luminarias (white candle-lit bags weighted with sand) at dusk on Saturday, December 14. (Hint: it's the perfect evening to host your own holiday party!)

Buy your affordably priced bags and candles at our Luminaria Sale/Membership Drive at Village Green, 2640 North Main Street, Saturday, December 7.

**Come meet us there and keep our Association strong and alleys clear by paying your 2014 membership dues and snow plow donations at the same time, by cash or check.**

**\*\*Bring your own container\*\*** to pick up the FREE sand provided courtesy of William Charles.

Volunteers will set up and light 200 common area luminarias lining the Auburn Street Bridge and Harlem Boulevard. **Contact luminaria captain John Beck at 815.289.4787 to volunteer for an hour at Village Green or to help with luminaria set-up and lighting of the common areas.** You'll get to meet your neighbors and make your holiday even more fun!

#### EDGEWATER HOLIDAY PARTY I N V I T A T I O N

**Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 18 and join us!**

\$20 per person (includes food and non-alcoholic beverages)

Rockford Country Club is hosting a holiday party for our neighborhood, and EVERYONE is invited! Last year's event was festive, fun and delicious, so please join us.

Please note, RCC is not mailing paper invitations this year. Your invitation is right here! Watch our Facebook page and website for more details and any updates.

Business in the front, party in the back...We want everyone to get involved and have a voice in what our neighborhood association does, so we'll hold a brief meeting during dinner, while everyone is together. We've been working on updating our bylaws, so they'll be presented for a quick vote. You'll also have the opportunity to vote on board members up for election (and if you're interested in serving on the board, contact Association President John Beck, [jbeck62@comcast.net](mailto:jbeck62@comcast.net)). For the updated bylaws and roster of board members, go to [rockfordedgewater.org](http://rockfordedgewater.org).

#### Edgewater Officers and Board Members

##### President

**John Beck 815.289.4787**

##### Vice President

**Tim Moore**

##### Treasurer

**Dick Berman 815.877.4975**

##### Secretary

**Bill Simpson**

##### Board Members

**Stan Arnold**

**Barb Berman**

**David Griffith**

**Juanita Hickerson**

**Tim Moore**

**Jeff Orput (Through 2013)**

**Bill Simpson**

**Drew Williams**

##### 12<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

**John Beck 815.289.4787**

[john.beck@rockfordil.gov](mailto:john.beck@rockfordil.gov)

##### Community Services Officer

**Eric Jones 815.987.8274**

[eric.jones@rockfordil.gov](mailto:eric.jones@rockfordil.gov)

## WELCOME, ROSECRANCE!

Rosecrance Health Network has announced plans to occupy the site of the former Sun View Market at 2704 N. Main St.

Philip Eaton, President/CEO of Rosecrance, said the building is larger than their current Ware Center building in downtown Rockford, offers ample parking for staff and clients, is a single-story structure and is conducive to the kind of landscaping and green space that typify other Rosecrance properties.

Eaton said the move will better serve clients and the community; the site is on a bus line and centrally located for Ware Center clients.

The downtown building is being purchased by Winnebago County, which will give Rosecrance up to a year to move after the sale closes. Renovation at the new Ware Center on North Main Street will cost between \$3 and \$4 million and take up to a year. The site is properly zoned for a medical office.

"We'll be good neighbors," Eaton said. "It will be an attractive building. It will be nicely landscaped. It will be an asset to the community and the neighborhood."



## It's That Time Of Year...

Winter's here, so here's what you need to know when it comes to snow:

### Streets

The City of Rockford plows our streets.

Odd/Even parking is in effect during most snow clearing operations. Vehicles must be parked on the odd side of the street on odd days and on the even side of the street on even days. (Ex: on Nov. 9, you'd park your car on the odd side of the street by 8 am.)

### Got ???

**Call the City Snow Hotline  
815-987-5771**

### Alleys

Residents are responsible for their alleys.

Our neighborhood joins together to hire a private contractor for alley snow removal, which is funded entirely by individual donations made to the Edgewater Neighborhood Association.

## Walker Elementary News

Thank you parents and community members for your support of Walker Elementary. We've had an excellent start to the school year, with the slogan "We are all on the same team."

Our fall PTO fundraiser sold over \$20,000 worth of items. The proceeds help us purchase major items for the school and pay for field trips, rewards and books for the students. At our fall movie night, students ate popcorn and watched "Super Buddies." This past month we've also had Dads for donuts, parent-teacher conferences and our Red Ribbon Week.

Our reading scores improved by 5% (= 22 more students meeting proficiency in reading) over the past school year. We're excited about this growth and hope to see it continue, as our teachers have been working hard to provide our students the best education.

Friday, November 22 is Turkey Bingo! The community is invited to come, play bingo and win prizes like tickets to Ice Hog, Discovery Center and Harlem Globetrotter events. Come and support our PTO!

Our Winter Concert is Thursday, December 12. Come watch our students perform, highlighting their singing and instrumental skills and see the art show presented during the concert. REBA basketball starts in December as well.

We, as a staff, are working together with our students, parents, and community members to make Walker Elementary one of the best schools in District 205.

Thank you,

Matthew Lerner  
Principal, Walker Elementary



# Hudson Place



## Carefree Condominium Living with Modern Convenience

- Ranch or two-story duplex condos
- Two or three bedroom units
- All condos have large, unfinished basements
- 2 car garages
- Spacious, open floor plans
- Some two story condos include: all-season room, loft, patio, vaulted ceilings, breakfast bar
- Available for sale or lease
- Conveniently located just east of Village Green/ Pino's Pizza on Edson Ave (North Main & Eddy Ave)
- Open 7 days a week by appointment

For available units for sale or lease, visit our website at [www.williamcharlesrealestate.com](http://www.williamcharlesrealestate.com) or call Linda at (815) 963-7473



[www.rockfordedgewater.org](http://www.rockfordedgewater.org)

### Featured Home

Alice Baird - 225 Harper Avenue

In the autumn of 1958, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Corbridge listed their full brick, two-story home on 225 Harper Avenue for sale at \$28,000. That was more than Mr. & Mrs. Roger Baird and family, who lived in a small bungalow on Quincy & Price, could afford. The following spring, the price of the home was lowered to \$26k. The Bairds made an offer shortly after and nearly 55 years later, Alice Baird is still proud to call 225 Harper Avenue home.

"After World War II, Roger and I both wanted roots right away," Alice shared. Rog, as she calls him, was very anxious to have a permanent home. Mr. Baird has since passed, but Alice keeps both their memories of the home close to her. "My husband just loved living here. It is a solid, wellbuilt home. He would come up from the basement after working on a project, look around, and say, 'I sure like it around here.'" Alice, now 95 years old, is as spry as ever, keeping a clean home and entertaining guests often.

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](mailto:michael@enginestudio.org).



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## Home Sales

Thanks to real estate broker Jesse Dabson (United Realty IL, 815-262-5936) for providing this information to share:

For the past 6 months (ending mid-September)

- Average list price: \$114,946; average sale price: \$114,952
- Median list price: \$93,000; median sale price: \$94,000
- Average days on the market: 39



## 2014 Edgewater Membership Form

Please mail your complete form with check to: **Edgewater Neighborhood Association PO Box 515 Rockford, IL 61105**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Used only for Edgewater mailings)

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Used for Edgewater Information Only)

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

### What do my dues go towards?

- Newsletter / Post Card Printing
- US Postage
- Easter Egg Hunt
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party in the Park
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Watering of Auburn St Planters
- Luminarias
- Organization Fees, etc.

**Membership Dues:** \$ 15.00

Snowplow Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(The city does not plow our neighborhood's  
alleys and we all look out for one another.)

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Or Pay online at [rockfordedgewater.org](http://rockfordedgewater.org)  
with **Pay-Pal!**

**Become a Member and Join the Fun!**

Keep our neighborhood thriving by becoming a member of the Edgewater  
Neighborhood Association, established in 1979. Membership creates a sense of  
community and a safer, more beautiful place to live.