



EDGEWATER GARDEN WALK A SUCCESS

The weather was gorgeous for the first Edgewater Garden Walk on June 23. Neighbors and visitors from across the region wandered through five gardens. Homeowners showed off their hard work and dedication to beautifying our neighborhood. Each garden was different, giving visitors a glimpse into what makes this neighborhood unique. Thank you to Edgewater neighbor, Kimberly Schmitt, for organizing this new event. We already can't wait for next year!



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EDGEWATER MEETINGS

All neighbors are welcome! Third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at Rockford Country Club.

August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 20, 2024

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is enjoying these last days of summer as we start to shift our priorities from our fun, carefree summer activities to the opening of school and the crisp fall days and nights. Like the many things that support our neighborhood, I want to give a special thank you to our beautification committee that has worked so hard to plan, plant, and maintain all the entry points into the Edgewater neighborhood, along with the monthly and difficult job of evaluating and selecting four beautifully landscaped and well-maintained lawns of the month. There is so much pride, beauty, and hard work that sets Edgewater apart in this wonderful community of neighborhoods we call Rockford.

I also want to give a shout out to our Alderwoman Gina Meeks for all her efforts to help our neighborhood secure significant resources from the City of Rockford "Part of the Ward Program" to help repair and replace concrete sidewalks, curbs, and driveways for not only the new Oxford Park sidewalk, but significant repairs and replacement in multiple other locations throughout Edgewater. These funds originated from the City of Rockford in partnership with LT Construction. Albert Weathers of LT Construction employs at-risk youth in a program called "Destruction to Construction," which provides income for young adults, while teaching them discipline, how to avoid potentially destructive lifestyles, and to embrace a more positive outlook on their life, work and community. Thank you, Alderwoman Meeks and the City of Rockford.

Last but not least, I want to send out a grateful message to all the residents who live in the Edgewater neighborhood and participate by sharing your time, talent, and treasures through volunteering and joining the Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Membership is easy: simply fill out an application and contribute \$30 per year. This covers the very basic costs of all our neighborhood activities such as holiday events, snow plowing our alleys, and supports the good work our volunteers do to beautify the neighborhood and publish our newsletter. Thank you for choosing to live and thrive in our neighborhood as we continue to improve the infrastructure, sponsor activities, and create community pride and connections with each other. Enjoy the last days of summer as we head into the beautiful fall season and year-end neighborhood festivities.

Don Schreiner, President
Edgewater Neighborhood Association



ROCKFORD POLICE BINGO WITH SENIORS

Second Friday of every month

9:30 am - 11:30 am

District 1 Police Station, 1045 West State Street, Rockford

HEAD OF THE ROCK REGATTA

OCTOBER 13, 8:00am to 4:00pm

The Rock River Valley YMCA Rowing Club will hold its annual Head of the Rock Regatta. More than 2,000 rowers participate in this event. The park area along the river on Harlem Boulevard is a great place to watch. The races start at Martin Park and end near the YMCA.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

OCTOBER 31, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Our neighborhood comes alive with children dressed in their favorite costumes in search of CANDY!

LUMINARY SALE

DECEMBER 7 - 9am-3pm

Buy your luminary supplies at Village Green on North Main Street. There will be a free sand pile available on a first-come, first-served basis.

EDGEWATER HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 19, 5:30-8:00pm

Save the date! The annual holiday party is on the calendar at Rockford Country Club. We'll have more details throughout the year, but we wanted you to put this fun event on your calendar now.



LUMINARY NIGHT

DECEMBER 21

We are committing to the 3rd Saturday in December for Luminary Night going forward. Enjoy and participate in this Edgewater tradition. Line your walkways with luminaries (white candle-lit bags weighted with sand) at dusk.



CLINTON BLOCK PARTY

Clinton Street has formed a wonderful tradition with its annual block party for residents who live on Clinton. Food and fun for all ages are topped off with some friendly competition. The planning committee is happy to share tips with other blocks who may be interested in creating a similar tradition. Send us an email at rockfordedgewater@gmail.com and we'll help you get started.



helpful numbers

WEEDS HOTLINE:

NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS HOTLINE:

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER:

NARCOTICS COMPLAINTS

NUISANCE NEIGHBORS (POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT)

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL:

779-348-7161

779-348-7160

815-966-2900

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HIGHLIGHTING THE BEAUTY OF EDGEWATER

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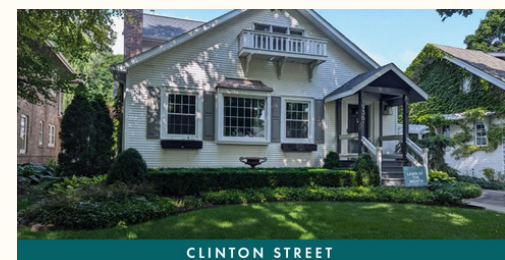
Lawn of the Month is back in 2024! We have three months of winners to share with you. Lawn of the Month has been a fun way to recognize neighbors for their dedication to beautification. Our neighborhood is divided into four zones and a winner is picked from each zone per month.

Zone 1: Hancock, Clinton, Harper, Auburn, Wallace, Cottage Grove

Zone 2: Douglas, Oxford, VanWie, Rock Terrace

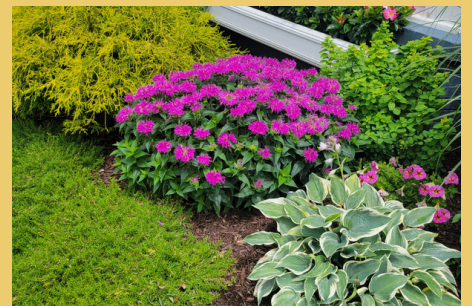
Zone 3: Melrose, Brown, Willoughby Terrace, Camlin

Zone 4: Harlem, Fulton, Country Club Terrace, Ellis



MORE GARDEN WALK PHOTOS

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Dreaming up the ideal retirement is your job. Helping you get there is ours.

We're excited to hear from you.

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Sponsors help us produce this newsletter quarterly. Learn more about advertising your business in the Edgewater Newsletter on page 7.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Edgewater Association is looking for neighbors who are interested in sharing their time and talent. Our sought-after neighborhood wouldn't be what it is without volunteers. The roles are flexible and don't take up much time. If you're interested, email rockfordedgewater@gmail.com. Below are opportunities for consideration:

- Writer for the newsletter
- Beautification committee to help water plants/pots. [Click here](#) to register for a week of watering.
- Coordinate events - 4th of July, garage sale, Easter, Luminaria
- Recruit membership
- Sell ads in the newsletter
- Membership data entry
- Join the Board



Run an ad in the Edgewater newsletter and reach hundreds of neighbors in Edgewater and beyond! Digital newsletters (Feb, May, Aug) are emailed to over 400 residents, and posted on Facebook, NextDoor, and the Edgewater website. Printed newsletters are mailed in November to nearly 900 Edgewater households. All proceeds support the Edgewater Neighborhood Association.

Ad sizes and prices are as follows:

- Full page (\$200 print, \$150 digital)
- 1/2 page horizontal (\$100 print, \$75 digital)
- 1/2 page vertical (\$100 print, \$75 digital)
- 1/4 page (\$50 print, \$40 digital)
- 1/8 page (\$40 print, \$30 digital)

Please contact us with any questions or to place your ad. Send emails to: rockfordedgewater@gmail.com.

WHY MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT



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. Currently, 187 households have paid the membership fee for 2024.

2024 GOAL - 250 of the 870 Households as Members

Your annual membership fee supports:

- Seasonal Neighborhood Activities including the Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Garage Sale, 4th of July Festivities in Oxford Park, Luminaria and the holiday party.
- Snow Plow Fund: The City does not plow Edgewater’s alleys, so we pool our resources to contract a plow service to keep the alleys clear. These fees are up an average of 7%. We spend \$410-\$585 per snowfall depending on inches of snow.
- Plantings at the signs and pots on the bridge.
- Postage and printing for neighborhood mailings as well as signs advertising neighborhood activities.



JOIN THE EDGEWATER ASSOCIATION

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Dues: \$30 annually

Additional Donation _____ (supports snow removal & other neighborhood activities)

TOTAL _____

Checks may be made out to Edgewater Neighborhood Association. Prefer to pay by card? Pay online at www.rockfordedgewater.org or scan the QR code

